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Finger pointed at Ford

The environmental assessment was suspended after Mayor Rob Ford was elected in October 2010 following a campaign in which he vowed to end the "war on the car."

- If the assessment had continued, "the work would not have to be re-phased and this \$19.4 million would not have been lost," said Coun. Janet Davis, a Ford opponent.
- "Changes in direction should only come from council because there are costs when major projects like this are stalled," Davis said.

Jarvis and the Don Valley.

Meanwhile, after a series of incidents involving falling chunks of surface concrete, engineers taking a closer look at the seven-kilometre elevated roadway warned last year that the deck needed significant work. Council in January OK'd a 10-year repair plan.

But it meant the city had to cancel plans to work from east to west. Instead, the city will start deck replacement in the west end near Strachan Avenue, starting next year, and then move east.

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SPEAKING OUT ON EATING DISORDERS

Sophie Grégoire and her husband, federal Liberal leadership hopeful Justin Trudeau, are seen at Toronto's Fairmont Royal York Hotel on Wednesday for an event sponsored by Sheena's Place, a charity that supports people with eating disorders. Grégoire spoke movingly about her own battle with bulimia and anorexia as a young woman. Story, page 14. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Darwin

Ikea monkey court battle set for May

Darwin the Ikea monkey, or rather, those fighting over his living arrangements, will get their day in court starting next month.



Darwin with Yasmin Nakhuda.
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A trial has been scheduled over four days in May and June for the civil action launched by Darwin's self-described "mom."

Darwin has been at Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary since Toronto Animal Services scooped him up wandering around a Toronto Ikea parking lot in December wearing a little shearing coat.

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Still practicing medicine

Ajax doc who abused patient working in Sudan

An Ajax obstetrician and gynecologist who just lost his licence in Ontario for sexually abusing a patient is still practising medicine — in Africa.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons revoked the medical licence of Dr. Sami Karkanis on Wednesday after determining he had sexually abused a patient during a pelvic examination in 2006. Karkanis left Canada that year. He lived and worked in the United Arab Emirates until 2010 and then moved to Sudan, the country of his birth. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

TTC asks Pape riders to pick their poison

Public transit.

Survey asks whether they'd prefer to get renovations over with quickly with closures, or slowly with nuisance

The TTC is asking riders who use Pape Station to pick their poison as it tries to wrap up a renovation that is already a year late.

It is surveying customers to find out what they'd prefer: Closing Pape for six consecutive weekends; for 12 straight days; or not close it at all.

The third option will cause customers some ongoing inconvenience because they will have to enter and exit the station through the new second exit on Lipton Ave., warned TTC spokesman Brad Ross.

The closure this spring is considered the best option so the TTC can complete adding elevators for accessibility, rebuilding staircases, and renovating lighting, ceiling and wall tiles.

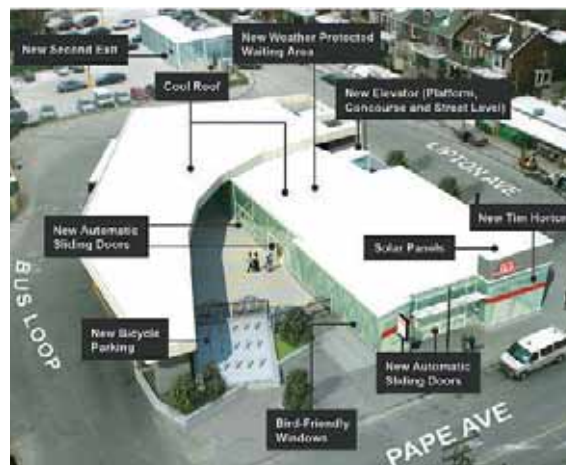
Slated for fall completion

The Pape renovation is among the projects the TTC committed to completing this year in its new customer service charter. The Pape expansion and modernization project dates back to 2009. Although it was supposed to be finished last spring, TTC spokesman Brad Ross said it's now slated for completion this fall. Work will go on even after the station is closed this spring, he said.

uting lighting, ceiling and wall tiles.

Pape is also getting an enclosed bus waiting area with sliding doors, bike parking and new landscaping.

The project has been delayed by "utility and water main issues we ran into that we weren't aware of when the project had begun," Ross said, adding, "It is always a challenge to do this kind of work in a station that needs to remain in operation."



A rendering of TTC Pape station modernization showing bike parking, sliding doors, weather protected waiting areas, eco-friendly features and more. TTC HANDOUT

If the station is closed, its three feeder bus routes — the 72 Pape, the 25 Don Mills and the 81 Thorncliffe Park — will be diverted to neighbouring Donlands or Broadview, Ross said.

The subway would simply bypass the station.

The Danforth area stations are relatively close together. Donlands is only 400 metres away and Chester is about 464 metres.

About 25,000 people a day use Pape, according to the most recent statistics, from 2011. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

95% vote yes

LCBO workers will strike if talks fail

Unionized employees of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario have overwhelmingly voted in favour of a strike should contract talks with the retail giant break down.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, which represents more than 7,000 LCBO staff, says 95 per

cent of the members voted in favour of a walkout.

The employees' four-year contract with the LCBO ended March 31 and the two sides have been in bargaining since mid-February.

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Pickering

Explosion sends worker to hospital

A reported underground explosion at a Pickering sewer has sent at least one construction worker to hospital.

Police and Markham Fire set up post around the tunnel, which is the site of a sewer-construction project. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Disastrous consequences

No chemo drug oversight: NDP

Ontario's New Democrats are asking why the company that supplied watered-down chemotherapy drugs was operating with no oversight by the province. NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says the Liberals need to explain how they could let it happen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cops in Scarborough have high hopes for 'positive ticket' program

Building bridges. Coupons intended to boost relationship between police and community



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Toronto police in Scarborough's 42 division are hoping to build a better relationship with the public by issuing "positive tickets" for good deeds.

Instead of getting a fine, positive-ticket recipients will receive a coupon for McDonald's, Pizza Pizza or Mac's Convenience Stores. Officers can issue them for any good deed they come across. During a trial phase of the program, the tickets were issued to a man who helped officers at the scene of a car crash translate until a Mandarin-speaking officer arrived, and to a man who located a missing elderly person.

Some recipients will be invited to take a survey online in order to be entered into a draw for a larger prize.

The project is the brain-

child of Insp. Dave Saunders. In the aftermath of the Eaton Centre and Danzig shootings last year, police command asked officers to think of how to make communities safer. It was thought that by rewarding good behaviour and increasing more positive interactions with police, people would be more comfortable with the police and would tell their friends and families about the positive interaction.

"When I talk about participating in public safety it's about calling police more often when there's drug dealers present," said Saunders at a press conference to announce the program on Wednesday. "It's about being witnesses, it's about, when you're being victimized, not being afraid to call the police," he said.

Keishawonna Mayenge, a Grade 12 student at Etienne Brule, was the first positive-ticket recipient. She had called police when she noticed a man who appeared to be sleeping in his car outside of Agincourt Mall, with his car still running. He was still there as she left half an hour later, so she called 911 and performed CPR, as she



Keishawonna Mayenge watches herself on video at the 42 Division press conference announcing the positive-ticketing program, as Deputy Police Chief Peter Sloly, centre, looks on. Mayenge recorded a testimonial about the program after she was given the first positive ticket. Her testimonial can be seen at positiveticketing.ca JESSICA SMITH/METRO

was instructed. She was later told the man died of a heart attack.

The positive tickets "will definitely make the relationship between the kids — and not only the kids, but the community — with the police a lot stronger," she said. "They'll trust the police more."

Lekan Olawoye, who runs Toronto's For Youth Initiative and is chair of the Premier's Council on Youth Opportunities, called the positive-ticketing program "a good first step," but he'd like to see a more robust, force-wide

strategy for engaging youth, which should be based on feedback from those young people.

"I'm a little a skeptical," he said in an interview Wednesday. "With any police officer stopping a young person with whom they don't have a good relationship, it's going to be difficult."

Olawoye said it's unlikely that youth, especially the most hard-to-engage, would trust the police enough to go online to give their personal information.

According to the police website, the survey will ask

where the positive ticket was issued, the person's name, email address or phone number, age and home address, as well as questions about their views on the positive-ticket program. It also says none of the information collected will be used outside of the program.

"There's a lack of trust," said Olawoye, adding that people who are used to being stopped and asked for their information may not trust or understand what police will do with the data.

Deputy Police Chief Peter Sloly said officers do not ask

To trust or not to trust?

Information and privacy rules

The province's information and privacy commissioner said her office is working with Toronto police to help ensure that its program respects people's privacy.

"For this program to succeed, people have to be confident that, as a general rule, their data is only used for the purposes for which it was provided," said Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian.

"The police have indicated that they won't be using the data for any purposes other than to administer the Positive Ticketing program," said Cavoukian.

"I think that this is a critical commitment, particularly for a program whose purpose is 'to build stronger relationships with the community and break down barriers that get in the way of communication and trust.'"

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

for any information when they first hand out the ticket and coupon. It's only those who want to be eligible for a bigger prize who may voluntarily provide their information.

Engagement

"When I talk about participating in public safety it's about calling police more often when there's drug dealers present. It's about being witnesses, it's about, when you're being victimized, not being afraid to call the police."

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Cuthbert thinks pink for breast cancer fundraiser



Elisha Cuthbert says she tries to keep up with the pace fiancé Dion Phaneuf sets when it comes to charity work. NOEL VASQUEZ/GETTY IMAGES



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Happy Endings star Elisha Cuthbert will be decked out in pink Friday to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

While she's juggling a busy schedule filming and preparing for her wedding nuptials with Toronto Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf, Cuthbert never says no to a charity event.

Cuthbert will be co-hosting the fourth annual The Pink Party at the Capitol Event Theatre. The Sam Roberts band will be headlining,

Giving back

"I like the idea of giving back to the community and being a part of things that are going on in Toronto and it means a lot to me."

Actress Elisha Cuthbert

with live music by Enriquez. DJ Efsharp and DJs Pump and Hedspin will be filling the dance floor with beats all through the night to help raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

"The statistics on that are just astronomical and mind-blowing and I think every-

body knows some woman that had to deal with this ... so that's close to my heart," says Cuthbert.

The Pink Party has come a long way since it started in 2010, when its organizer Paul Etherington brought the fundraiser to life in his backyard, joined by 70 of his friends.

Their entertainment that night was his iPod and Etherington's neighbour as the MC.

Etherington, who also raises money for the Special Olympics Canada Foundation through his non-profit Motionball gala, says it was his mother's bout with breast cancer that got him involved in the cause and has fuelled him on since.

"I hadn't done anything for breast cancer until it got so close to the family," he said. "So the night is about having fun, the theme is wear pink — pink is why we're there, what we're supporting."

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More high school Africentric programs coming, board says

Toronto's public board is looking at adding more Africentric programs and courses in high schools across the city, says chair Chris Bolton.

Citing the Toronto District School Board's Africentric elementary school and one high school program as ways to keep kids engaged and boost student achievement,

Bolton said expanding secondary programming is now under discussion.

Discussions are underway with local communities, he added. "What we are doing right now is looking to see, in conjunction with the community, where there might be other opportunities to be able to offer programming,

and whether it becomes a larger program down the line."

The lone program for teens launched last fall at Scarborough's Winston Churchill Collegiate with just six students. But enrolment has jumped to 18 — enough for a full Grade 9 class — for this fall. Registration began in February.

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Blind ambition

Toronto's Maya Jones, a blind marathoner, with her guide Omar Hafez, at the St. Patrick's Day 5k in Toronto. She came in first in her age group out of 107 women. Jones will compete in the Boston Marathon on April 15 as an Achilles Canada Chapter member, her fourth marathon. SUBMITTED

Startups looking to private sector

Small biz. How one local company got around the catch-22 of funding expansion



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The president of a Toronto-based glass distributor saw the family business grow to new heights during the '90s, when it sold most of its product to the U.S. for use in homes and buildings. Now, he says with a laugh, "You know what happened to the housing market."

Under financial strain in 2007, his parent company Pro Science created a new subsidiary called Glassopolis Inc. to produce a thicker type of fire-resistant glass, but couldn't find capital to support the firm's expansion.

"We're a small business and we're in a construction industry and financing was

Incubate and accelerate

Everyone realizes that economic growth will be driven by startups. The government is doing what it can, but there is room for different organizations that can be incubators and accelerators."

Mark Evans, Mesh Conference

hard to come by, especially with Canadian banks, during the U.S. housing crash," Richards says.

They applied for and won the TELUS Challenge competition, picking up a \$100,000 prize.

Glassopolis's story is like that of many other Canadian small businesses. In order to grow they need capital, but to get capital they first need money — a catch-22. For im-

mediate help, companies like Glassopolis are turning to private organizations, over government programs, for assistance.

Mark Evans, an organizer of digital conferences in Canada with Mesh Conference, sees more non-government groups providing assistance for small businesses as a logical next step for entrepreneurs.

"What we're seeing now is part of more overall support in the start-up community," Evans says.

He should know. This year Mesh is offering 50 scholarships through its Hosted Startup Program that will allow entrepreneurs to attend the two-day event for free.

"Canada, because of demographics, is really a small business economy," says Jim Senko, vice-president of Small and Medium Business Marketing at TELUS. "It's a substantial part of Canada's economy," he explains about the company's ongoing competition.



A thousand cranes for brain cancer

At an origami crane ceremony on Wednesday at the Hospital for Sick Children, Margaret Wiley, 25, recalled when she started making the cranes for an ill Meagan Bebenick 13 years ago, when she was diagnosed with a brain tumour. The children at Bebenick's school started making cranes for her, inspired by a Japanese legend that says that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will be granted a wish by a crane, such as recovery from illness. Bebenick died soon after, but since then the charity in her name has raised almost \$3 million for brain cancer research. Meagan's Walk takes place on Mother's Day. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR



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Cuba turns over U.S. couple and children

Nabbed. The couple has been accused of kidnapping their two children and are now in an American jail

Joshua and Sharyn Hakken seemed to have a charmed life, doting on their two

young boys, buying a comfortable home and building successful careers as engineers. It all derailed last year when police in Louisiana found the family inside a hotel room with drugs, weapons and promises from the parents to take "a journey to the Armageddon."

The couple is now jailed on charges they kidnapped the boys from their grandparents

in Florida and sailed to Cuba on a boat called "Salty" to elude U.S. authorities. The family arrived in Florida early Wednesday morning, accompanied by federal, state and local authorities after being handed over by Cuban officials. Four-year-old Cole and 2-year-old Chase are now with their grandparents, and their parents are in jail, closing a bizarre ordeal that began with an Amber Alert and

ended with diplomatic intervention.

"This is a train that went completely off the tracks, and I don't have any explanation for how it can go off the track that badly basically in a year and a half. It's very bizarre," said Darrell Hanecki, who employed Sharyn Hakken for nearly a decade at Hanecki Consulting Engineers.

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Working together

- Cuba and the United States may be longtime enemies, but the fast return of a Florida couple who fled U.S. authorities with their two kidnapped children in tow shows the Cold War enemies are capable of remarkable co-operation on

many issues.

- Diplomats and observers on both sides of the Florida Straits say American and Cuban law enforcement officers, Coast Guard officials and other experts work together on a daily basis.

Employment. Passport office expects job cuts as it reveals new documents

The agency that issues passports to Canadians is projecting a quarter of its workforce could be cut as it rolls out new chip-embedded, 10-year travel documents.

Passport Canada expects to have the equivalent of 2,512 full-time staff this year, says a Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade report.

But that number drops to 1,874 by fiscal 2015-16 in the plans and priorities report.

The agency says it expects fewer people to apply for the



Out with the old: Passport Canada will release chip-embedded, 10-year travel documents. GETTY IMAGES FILE

new, more secure travel documents by then.

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The face of homophobia

Wilfred de Bruijn, a Dutch citizen who lives and works as a librarian in Paris, gestures during an interview with The Associated Press at his apartment on Wednesday. De Bruijn was beaten unconscious near his home early Sunday morning in central Paris, sustaining five fractures in his head and face, abrasions and a knocked-out tooth. After posting a photo of his wounds on Facebook, the image went viral and de Bruijn has become a national cause célèbre of the pro-gay campaign.

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Mercy plea denied

Man who raped, killed baby set to die

A parole board on Wednesday rejected a plea for mercy by a condemned man who says he intended to rape his girlfriend's six-month-old daughter, but not to kill her, calling his crime "among the worst of the worst."

The Ohio Parole Board recommended unanimously that Gov. John Kasich allow

the execution of Steven Smith to proceed next month.

The board said some arguments for sparing Smith, such as his turbulent childhood, were far outweighed by the nature of the crime.

Smith's attorneys argued the victim died because Smith was too drunk to realize his assault was killing her. And Ohio law is clear, they said: A death sentence requires an intent to kill. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sexsomnia

Man acquitted of groping in his sleep

A Danish man has been acquitted of molesting two 17-year-old girls after he was found to suffer from a rare sleep disorder known as "sexsomnia."

The Glostrup court said Wednesday that the man fondled the teenagers while sleeping in his suburban Copenhagen apartment after a party in 2011.

The girls awoke and interrupted the man, and later reported him to police. But the court cleared the 31-year-old of sex-crime charges, saying medical tests show he suffers from "sexsomnia," in which a person engages in sexual activity while asleep.

Michael Laub, a Danish sleep specialist who wasn't involved in the case, said it's a rare but widely recognized sleep disorder.

The defendant said he had no recollection of what happened. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Syria. U.S. may send rebels more military aid

The Obama administration is expected to give Syrian rebels broader nonlethal assistance, including body armour and night-vision goggles, while stopping short of providing weapons to help fight President Bashar Assad.

The timing and scope of the stepped-up aid package is unclear. U.S. President Barack Obama has not given final approval, and an announcement is not imminent, according to a senior administration official, who requested anonymity.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who met with Syrian opposition leaders on Wednesday, hinted at quick action, saying broader assistance for the rebels has been "front and centre" in recent discussions.

Obama has resisted pressure to arm the rebels, partly out of fear that the weapons could fall into the hands of fighters who have allied with Islamic extremists.

Underscoring that concern, the leader of the most formidable rebel group pledged allegiance on Wednesday to al-Qaida. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A woman in July 2011 at the grave of one of many newly-identified victims of the 1995 massacre in Srebrenica during the Bosnian war. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Canada boycotts UN justice meeting

War crimes.

Ambassadors protest
Bosnian victim being
thrown out of meeting

Canada, the United States and Jordan boycotted a meeting on international criminal justice organized by the Serbian president of the General Assembly on Wednesday, offended that it didn't include Bosnia's war victims, and that it attacked the UN war-crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

To protest the victims' exclusion, the UN ambassadors from Jordan and Liechtenstein hosted a press conference for two victims groups — the Mothers of Srebrenica and the Association of Witnesses and Survivors of Genocide — while assembly president Vuk Jeremic, the former foreign minister of Serbia, presided over the assembly meeting.

Munira Subasic, president of the Mothers of Srebrenica, who lost 22 close family members in the 1995 mas-

sacre by Bosnian Serbs, said she was allowed into the assembly meeting as "a silent observer." She listened as Serbia's ultranationalist President Tomislav Nikolic criticized the Yugoslav tribunal.

She believed that Nikolic was denying the genocide in Srebrenica, so she said she put on a T-shirt she had brought as a gift for Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, which said: "Justice Is Slow But It's Reachable."

"All of a sudden I was surrounded by security of Vuk Jeremic" and escorted out of the conference room, Subasic said.

In a lengthy speech soon after, Serbia's Nikolic protested against the "lynch-mobbing of Serbia" and accused the Yugoslav tribunal of "selective justice" by seeking to punish Serbs while overlooking the crimes of Bosnians and Croats.

Aware of the controversy, Ban gave his "full and unequivocal support" to all international tribunals in an opening speech.

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Proper process

"Supporting the tribunals and courts means respecting — and not calling into question — their independence, impartiality and integrity."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in defence of war-crimes tribunals.

N. Korea cleans up with world on alert

As the world braced for a provocative missile launch by North Korea, with newscasts worldwide playing up tensions on the Korean Peninsula, the centre of the storm was strangely calm.

The focus in Pyongyang on Wednesday was less on preparing for war and more on beautifying the capital ahead of the nation's biggest holiday: the April 15 birthday of the nation's founder, Kim Il-sung. Soldiers put down their rifles to blanket the barren ground

with sod, and students picked up shovels to help plant trees.

But the impoverished, tightly controlled nation, which has historically drawn the world's attention on holidays by showing off its military power, could well mark the occasion by testing a missile designed to strike U.S. military installations in Japan and Guam.

South Korea's foreign minister said the prospect of a medium-range missile launch is "considerably high."

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U.S. Army soldiers prepare for an exercise during their annual military drills with South Korea, near its northern border. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Docs often not told of side-effects by drug reps: Study

Public health concern.

Minimum standard for drug safety info met in less than 2% of company sales calls

Most family doctors say they receive little or no information about harmful effects of medications when visited by drug-company sales representatives promoting their products, a survey of Canadian, U.S. and French physicians has found.

Even so, many of the doctors surveyed said they were likely to start prescribing or increase prescriptions of promoted drugs following sales-rep visits, consistent with previous research that shows prescribing behaviour is influenced by



A new study suggests doctors aren't always told of harmful effects by drug sellers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

pharmaceutical companies' promotion.

"Harm from medication use is a serious public-health concern," said Barbara Mintzes, principal researcher of a survey study. "So the information quality, and doctors get-

ting complete information on medicines, is important."

For the study, published online Wednesday in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, the researchers asked 255 family doctors in Montreal, Vancouver, Sacramento and Toulouse, France, to fill out a questionnaire each time they were visited by a drug-company rep.

In all, the physicians provided information on almost 1,700 drug promotions between May 2009 and June 2010.

Pharmaceutical sales reps regularly visit doctors' offices to promote their products, providing information, often free samples and, in some cases, food and invitations to events. Since 2005, France has prohibited free drug samples and gifts to doctors.

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Bullied teen. Family of Rehtaeh Parsons says they were failed by system

The family of a 17-year-old girl that has gone public about her suicide after months of bullying say they were stymied at practically every turn when they tried to get help for the troubled teen.

Jason Barnes, the longtime boyfriend of Rehtaeh Parsons' mother, said a sad string of failures ultimately led to the girl's death more than a year after she was allegedly sexually assaulted by four boys.

"No matter where her mother turned to try to get help for her, no matter where Rehtaeh tried to turn to get help, all she had was her family," Barnes said on Wednesday.

"The justice system failed us completely. The education system didn't seem to do much of anything."

The RCMP say they investigated the sexual-assault allegations after consulting with the province's Public Prosecution Service but concluded there weren't enough grounds to lay charges.

"She was very upset, very



The Halifax Regional School Board says it took a hands-off approach in the alleged assault of Rehtaeh Parsons, not wanting to interfere with the RCMP. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

devastated from that," Barnes said.

Earlier in the day, Rehtaeh's family met with Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry after he announced Tuesday night that his department was looking for ways to review how the RCMP handled the allegations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trial

Rocker had sexual relationship with girl, court hears

A co-founder of iconic Canadian rock band Bachman-Turner Overdrive had a sexual relationship with a girl between the age of 11 and 14, a judge was told this week in B.C. Supreme Court, where Tim Bachman is on trial for sexual assault and sexual interference of a person under 14.

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Birth-control recall

Gynecology group warns Alysena 28 users

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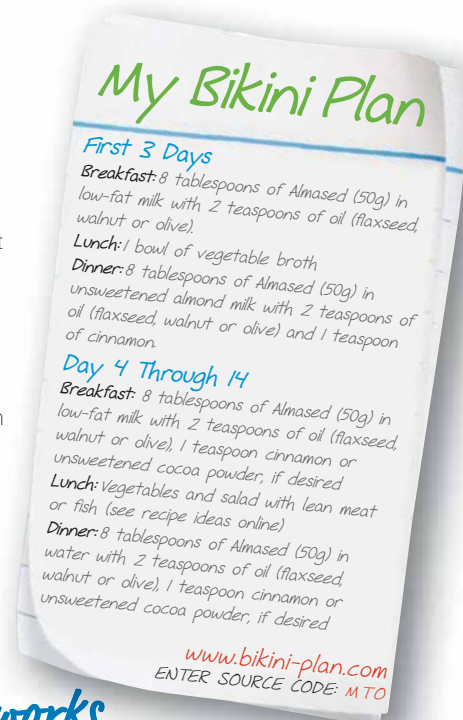
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Plan to cut danger pay for troops under review

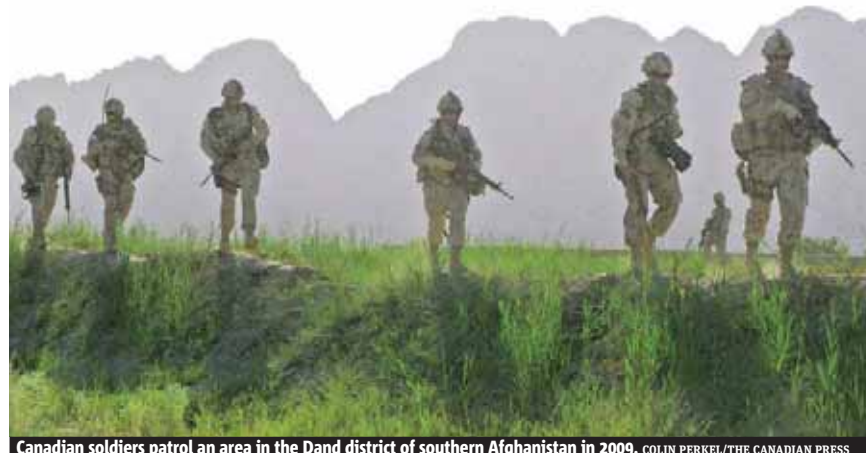
Afghanistan. Canadian soldiers facing 30% cut because bureaucrats feel Kabul is safer than the volatile south

A plan by bureaucrats to reduce danger pay for Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan is now under review by the Harper government.

"This decision was not appropriate, and we are asking for this decision to be reviewed," said Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney.

The stipend was reportedly facing a cut of more than 30 per cent, which would have meant nearly \$500 a month less for roughly 920 soldiers based in Kabul, who are training Afghan forces.

The rationale for the initial decision, which was made by a joint committee of bureaucrats from National Defence



Canadian soldiers patrol an area in the Dand district of southern Afghanistan in 2009. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and Treasury Board, was that Kabul is safer than Afghanistan's volatile south, where Canadian soldiers are no longer serving.

In an exercise in damage control, officials from the prime minister's office, called Wednesday for the committee, which meets only four times a

year, to convene again "as soon as possible" to reverse the decision. It's unclear when the committee will meet.

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Legal. Muslim inmates in high-security prison fight for right to pray together

Lawyers for American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh asked a U.S. judge Wednesday to find the Federal Bureau of Prisons in contempt for not allowing Muslim inmates in a high-security prison unit to pray together five times a day, as required by their faith.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed the contempt motion in U.S. District Court.

The U.S.-born Lindh first drew attention when he was detained in Afghanistan weeks after the 9-11 attacks in 2001.

The prisons agency has said inmates of all religions housed in the Terre Haute federal prison's Communications Management Unit have been allowed to pray together three times daily after a federal judge ruled in Lindh's favour in a lawsuit seeking the prayer time.

The ACLU of Indiana argues that isn't what the judge's Jan. 11 ruling required.



American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh wants to pray with Muslim inmates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The judge said Lindh, 32, sincerely believes Islam mandates Muslims pray together five times a day and federal law requires the prison to accommodate his beliefs.

The ACLU said prayer times set by the prison make only two daily prayers possible or make prayers impossible during proper times.

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Sophie Grégoire talks at a fundraiser of her own experience with eating disorders. TARA WALTON/TORONTO STAR VIA GETTY IMAGES

Grégoire speaks on eating disorders

Justin Trudeau's wife.

Now 38, she tells a fundraiser of her own battles with bulimia and anorexia as a young woman

Creating balance

"It's my responsibility — why I'm here — to create balance in the lives of people I love."

Sophie Grégoire, mother of two young children and wife of MP Justin Trudeau, on encouraging her husband to take up yoga

The audience, more than 200 people, stands and applauds.

Sophie Grégoire, wife of Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau, has just finished speaking.

But this is no political rally, rather a fundraiser for

Sheena's Place, a charity that supports people with eating disorders, and Grégoire spoke movingly about her own battle with bulimia and anorexia as a young woman.

She acknowledges the ovation with a smile, a nod

and a yoga hand posture known as anjali mudra, her palms drawn together, as if in prayer.

"It's a natural thing for me to do," explains Grégoire, 38, a yoga teacher. "It's a gesture that I use.... It shows an openness of the heart."

Grégoire speaks a lot about the heart and the spirit and about balance in life. She dealt with her eating disorder through therapy and the support of loved ones, but also through meditation, yoga and spending time with nature.

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Casino wars

Ontario's auditor to investigate OLG expansion

Ontario's auditor general will investigate the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp.'s expansion plans and the cancellation of the slots-at-racetracks program.

A legislative committee voted in favour of the audit Wednesday.

The governing Liberals pulled the plug on the slots-at-racetracks program last year. The OLG has embarked on a plan to build new casinos, which is also controversial.

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It's him! Toronto choir boy admits he was starstruck while performing for Pope

Having only caught glimpses of Pope Francis on TV, Christian Carpino couldn't quite believe he was not only seeing the pontiff in person but singing for him, too.

"It was very surreal," the Grade 12 student said Wednesday from Rome during a car ride to the city's famed Colosseum. "My eyes were glued on him the whole time." The 17-year-old was among more than 180 students from Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School who performed for the new Pope.

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St Michael's Choir School's Teri Dunn at practice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Family's ignorance of sex predators helped Sandusky: Paterno's widow

Naivete? February report commissioned by family portrays former Penn State coach as victim of 'rush to injustice'

Joe Paterno's widow said Wednesday that she and her husband were ignorant about sexual predators like Jerry Sandusky and did not realize that the former Penn State assistant football coach was abusing the boys he met through a children's charity that he founded.

"We have been unaware of how a predator behaves," Sue Paterno said at a program celebrating Child Abuse Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. "In many cases, we unknowingly helped him 'groom' his victims while we thought we were helping a



This November 2011 file photo shows former Penn State coach Joe Paterno and his wife Sue on the front porch of their house. Sue Paterno says she and her husband were ignorant about sexual predators like Jerry Sandusky. JOE HERMITT/THE PATRIOT-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

child achieve self-esteem and find a better life."

Mrs. Paterno said she was horrified when she learned the truth about Sandusky

after his arrest in November 2011. Her husband, who led the Penn State's Nittany Lions for 46 years, died in January 2012 at age 85.

"The last 17 months have been filled with disbelief, horror, the pain of loss, sleepless nights, praying for the victims and for peace of mind

for those who unwittingly were too naive to recognize the signs of abuse," she said.

Jay Paterno, one of the couple's five children, also spoke at the breakfast gathering sponsored by the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance. The group's executive director acknowledged that some members questioned the choice of the Paternos as speakers, but she defended the decision and described the family as "good folks."

Former FBI director Louis Freeh, who led an internal probe, has said he stands by his report that concluded that Paterno and the university's former president Graham Spanier, former athletic director Tim Curley and retired vice-president for business and finance Gary Schultz concealed critical information and "failed to protect against a sexual predator harming children for over a decade."

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Where things stand

The Freeh report accused Joe Paterno and three former Penn State administrators of covering up an abuse allegation about Jerry Sandusky a decade ago to shield the university from bad publicity. Paterno was fired days after Sandusky was charged.

- Sandusky, 69, is serving a 30- to 60-year sentence after being convicted of 45 counts of child sexual abuse involving 10 boys over a period of years.
- The Second Mile, the charity where prosecutors say Sandusky met most of his victims, is still functioning but received a judge's permission to sell its headquarters for \$650,000.

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New York City

Weiner weighing run for mayor

Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, who resigned over a sexting scandal in 2011, says he's weighing a run for New York City mayor this year.

The Democrat said his political committee spent more than \$100,000 on polling and research.

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Anthony Weiner

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U.S. Supreme Court

'Heart is broken,' says top court's 2nd black justice

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas says he is heartbroken over the poverty and social troubles among many black communities.

Thomas is the second black justice on the top U.S. court. He spoke Tuesday at

Duquesne Law School. He said his "heart is broken."

He said he's seen terrible decline in some black communities, and "virtually every crime is drug-related." Thomas said many young people have no families and no education, and numerous anti-poverty programs have failed.

Thomas said the U.S. should "at least fess up and say something is wrong."

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Alberta Premier Alison Redford speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alberta premier dismisses \$40 'magic number'

Carbon tax. Redford's government agrees current \$15 levy may need to be raised

reports suggest Alberta could move to a 40 per cent intensity reduction target with penalties of \$40 per tonne.

But Redford warned that no one should presume that will be the final target. "I know there have been reports that that's somehow a magic number," she said Wednesday. "In our minds it's not."

Alberta consistently points to its carbon levy as unique in North America, but critics question its effectiveness.

Alberta Premier Alison Redford is pouring cold water on reports her government already has a dollar amount in mind for an increase to its carbon levy on industry.

Redford is in Washington talking up Alberta's environmental policies to support the approval of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The premier has repeatedly stressed Alberta's existing \$15-per-tonne carbon tax on large emitters that don't meet a 12 per cent intensity reduction target. Recent leaked

Groups such as the Pembina Institute suggest the levy actually works out to less than a couple of dollars per tonne averaged over an industrial facility's entire carbon output. Companies can also buy carbon offsets, some of which cost as little as \$8 a tonne. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Climate change. Canada giving \$10M to coalition

The federal government is putting another \$10 million into a global coalition to reduce short-lived climate pollutants — substances such as soot, methane and hydrofluorocarbons that emit greenhouse gases.

Environment Minister Peter Kent said Canada would also be putting \$2.5 million towards a centre launched by the United Nations to help developing countries find the best technology to confront the challenges of climate

Quoted

"As an Arctic nation, Canada understands the importance of addressing short-lived climate pollutants, which have an impact on the rate of Arctic ice melt."

Environment Minister Peter Kent, at the Canadian embassy in the U.S. capital

change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Putin mistakenly banned from Finland

Finished with the Finnish? Interior minister offers the Russian president her 'sincerest apologies'

Vladimir Putin, banned in Finland?

Finnish police say the Rus-

sian president's name was mistakenly placed on a secret criminal register that could theoretically have gotten him arrested at the border.

It was reported Wednesday that Putin was placed there due to his contact with the Russian motorcycle gang Night Wolves, though he wasn't suspected of a crime in Finland.

But National Police Board

Quoted

"This kind of incident is extremely exceptional and is not acceptable under any circumstances."

Mikko Paatero, head of Finland's national police force

spokesman Robin Lardot said the listing was a mistake and

that Putin's name was removed from the list.

"The National Police Board has investigated the case and indeed found that such a mistaken entry was in the register," Lardot said.

"We have ordered it to be removed and are investigating the case very thoroughly. We don't know how it got there."

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Vladimir Putin plays with his dogs Yume and Buffy in the Moscow region on March 24. ALEXEI DRUZHININ/RIA NOVOSTI/PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unusual target

Circus elephant survives drive-by shooting injury

Authorities say a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus elephant was hit by a bullet in a drive-by shooting in Tupelo, Miss.

Circus spokeswoman Melinda Hartline says the elephant, named Carol, was not seriously hurt, and no other animals were harmed.

Police Chief Tony Carleton says a vehicle drove past the arena about 2 a.m. and fired into the area. Police are investigating.

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Austria

Party spokesman fired over Nazi Facebook post

Austria's rightist FPO party has dismissed the spokesman of its Vienna branch for allegedly posting excerpts from a battle song of Hitler's elite Waffen-SS units on Facebook.

The party says Stefan Gotschacher has been terminated "with immediate effect" while they investigate. Gotschacher has said he did not know the origin of the passages. But an FPO statement Wednesday said such sentiments "have no place" in the party.

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'One of the worst things I've seen.' Puppy tied to train tracks in California

Officials say a 78-year-old man tied a puppy to train tracks in the California desert, and an engineer had to use emergency brakes to keep from crushing it.

Riverside County animal control said Tuesday that Banjo, a 10-month-old poodle-terrier mix, is fine and up for adoption.

Union Pacific Special Agent Sal Pina responded and

called the scene "one of the worst things I've seen."

Pina untied Banjo and detained the man, who said his family didn't want the dog and didn't know what to do.

Pina says he couldn't pursue charges against the unidentified man because he appeared confused and didn't understand what he'd done.

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This image, provided by Riverside County Animal Services, shows Banjo, a 10-month-old poodle-terrier mix that was rescued after being tied to train tracks in the California desert. RIVERSIDE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The naked brain: March of the mind-readers

Science. This month, U.S. President Barack Obama announced his biggest science project yet — an attempt to map the human brain. But he is just a guest at this fast-paced party. Metro takes a look inside your head.



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Images flash on a screen before the subject: trees, a spiral. As he thinks hard, the computer reads neurons firing, causing a spike in the chart. This test has been passed and the subject wins two British pounds.

"We're watching him plan and looking for patterns," says Dr. Zeb Kurth-Nelson, at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging. This program investigates addiction, testing a subject's ability to respond to a sequence of images and monitors their brain signals.

"In heroin addicts, the parts of the brain that plan into the future aren't working," Dr. Kurth Nelson says. But in locating the exact areas that have broken down, the research can provide a pathway to treatment.

Brainy quote

"Intelligence agencies may want to use it to discover moles, employers may want to screen employees, schools to uncover vandals or cheaters."

Professor of Bioethics Paul Root Wolpe on the dangers of reading brain signals



I'm looking through you...the EU's multi-billion Human Brain Project.
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Such programs rely on techniques that have made our minds increasingly transparent. Since Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) emerged in the 1990s, scientists have gone from detecting bare activity in the brain to pinpointing behaviour patterns, and even changing them. "We were looking at words, now it's whole sentences and how to use them," says Dr. Arthur Toga, leader of the world's largest brain-mapping project, The Human Connectome.

This progress has support from the highest powers. "We have to invest in the best ideas ... our scientists are mapping the human brain to unlock the answers to Alzheimer's," said U.S. President Barack Obama at his latest State of the Union, ahead of launching a 10-year, multi-billion dollar project dedicated to mapping brain activity to the last neuron. It

will be only slightly more expensive than the EU's Human Brain Project, which hopes to build an exact simulation of the organ.

Beyond reading the brain, scientists are beginning to speak its language. This year, Duke University Professor Dr. Miguel Nicolelis created the "first brain-to-brain interface," directing the brain signals of rats through electrodes that allowed instructions to be passed between them.

"They sent sophisticated messages and refined them with practice," said Nicolelis, who believes signals could be harnessed to perform practically any motor task. These signals can be controlled through emerging fields such as optogenetics, which enables scientists to induce aggression or sexual desire in test subjects.

Such possibilities have

Brainstorm

- **Mind controlled-prosthetic limbs.** Brain-to-machine interface had a number of successful trials in 2012, with paralysis sufferers able to use the technology.
- **Electronic Tattoos.** Monitor your brain patterns with a wearable "second skin" pioneered by American scientists.
- **The chattier sex.** An explanation for why women speak an average of 20,000 words a day compared to 7,000 for men; the discovery of higher levels of a "communication protein" in women.
- **Zebacadabra.** The first complete map of an organism's brain was achieved in March on a zebrafish, offering solutions in everything from epilepsy to hearing loss.
- **Neurowear.** Japanese audio devices select songs to match your mood by reading your brainwaves.

raised ethical concerns. "Intelligence agencies may want to use it to discover moles, employers may want to screen employees, schools to uncover vandals or cheaters," protested Root Wolpe, a professor of bioethics.

But moral questions are likely to be drowned out by the excitement of the new wave of programs to cure diseases, improve society and reveal the brain's mysteries. From mood-reading headphones to tailored advertising, the products are already around us — we are all transparent now.

Brain-mapping. U.S. joins the new 'space race'

In stressing the importance of brain-mapping, U.S. President Barack Obama invoked the famous Cold War race into space between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The president's commitment was partly forced by European Union plans to spend massively on a similar project that had already

lured top U.S. scientists. With brain mapping central to both powers' strategies for technologic and economic expansion, the stakes are high and competition will be fierce.

Militaries are heavy investors, so there could be more than echoes of Cold War tension. **MWN**



The Brain Man: U.S. President Barack Obama believes the BRAIN project will pay off as handsomely as the Human Genome Project. GETTY IMAGES

U.K. Retailers ration baby milk powder to cope with surge in Chinese demand

Demand for baby milk formula is surging in Britain, but it seems likely the powder is going to babies thousands of miles away.

British retailers said Wednesday they are limiting purchases of baby milk powder to two tins per customer after noticing some people were buying unusually large quantities in stores, apparently to export to China for profit.

Danone, the dairy manufacturer, said it has significantly increased production of powdered baby milk in response to

the bulk-buying trend.

"We understand that the increased demand is a result of unofficial exports to China to satisfy the needs of Chinese parents who want international brands for their babies," Danone, which makes Aptamil and Cow & Gate baby formulas, said in a statement.

Baby formula made by foreign brands is in great demand in China, where parents have been wary of local dairy products since a contaminated milk scandal left six babies dead in 2008. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A sign limiting the purchase of baby milk formula powder hangs on a shelf in a supermarket in London on Wednesday. **KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Porter seeks to land jets on T.O. waterfront

Controversial plan.

Airline's request to change rules is bound to draw residents' ire

Porter Airlines says it will seek permission to fly Bombardier CS100 jets out of Toronto's small waterfront airport and hopes to begin serving destinations across North America after the first new planes are delivered in 2016.

Jets are currently not allowed to fly out of the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, which is on an island near the city's lakefront, except under special circumstances.

However, the airline said Wednesday it will seek to have the rules changed so that it can fly the jets to destinations such as Vancouver, Los Angeles and Florida that its current fleet of turboprops can't reach.

Porter said it will also seek permission to extend the main runway at the airport by 168



Bob Deluce, left, president and CEO of Porter Airlines, sits with Bombardier's president Mike Arcamone in a Bombardier CS100 aircraft Wednesday. Deluce announced the airline's purchase of 12 of the planes, with an option for a further 18, at a news conference in Toronto. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

metres at each end. The current rules are part of a tripartite agreement between the City of Toronto, the federal government and the Toronto Port Authority — making it difficult to get quick action from the necessary authorities.

However, Porter president and chief executive Robert Deluce said Porter expects to have

all the needed approvals within six months that will allow the airline to create 1,000 new jobs.

Industry analyst Robert Kononis said there's a big risk that Porter's plans will never happen because of expected opposition to the airport expansion from Toronto residents and environmentalists.

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Sticky situation

BMO lauded for being nice to mice

BMO is getting a Compassionate Company Award and a big box of vegan chocolates shaped like mice from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. After learning from PETA about the cruelty of using sticky glue traps to kill mice, BMO banned the devices from its approximately 900 locations nationwide. **METRO**

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Horsemeat scandal

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Pilfering in Paris

Pickpocket protest closes Louvre

The Louvre was closed Wednesday as workers walked off the job to protest the rising problem of pickpockets haunting the museum's galleries. Staff organized the protest to draw attention to the problem, which they say is hindering their ability to welcome visitors and protect the Louvre's collections. A



A visitor stands in front of the entrance to the Louvre in Paris on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

spokeswoman could not say when the museum would reopen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Banking secrecy

Luxembourg helps fight tax evasion

Luxembourg is to start exchanging information with the rest of Europe to help fight tax evasion, in a bid to make the country's massive financial sector more transparent. The decision follows mounting international pressure on Luxembourg to end its policy of banking secrecy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carriers split from wireless lobby group

Not on same page.

Wind Mobile, Public Mobile, Mobilicity say industry association was taking positions that favoured big firms

Three of Canada's new wireless carriers say they will better serve their customers outside the industry's lobby group, which they accuse of favouring Rogers, Bell and Telus.

Wind Mobile, Public Mobile and Mobilicity say three-year contracts, roaming rates and tower sharing were among irritants that made them leave the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association.

The three small carriers accused the association of taking positions on these issues that favoured Canada's big three carriers. "Instead of spinning our wheels internally, we will be able to focus the time and energy on helping Canadian consumers," Mobilicity's direc-

Quoted

"There's no negative impact on consumers here whatsoever. We feel like we are going to do a better job in lobbying ... as a result of us exiting the association."

Bob Boron, senior vice-president and chief legal and regulatory officer at Public Mobile

tor of legal affairs, Gary Wong, said Wednesday.

Public Mobile, Wind Mobile and Mobilicity don't ask their customers to sign contracts for mobile phones and have brought more competition to the market since they launched about three years ago.

The three small companies are expected to have just over six per cent of the market at the end of this year, up from just under five per cent at the end of 2012, the Convergence Consulting Group has estimated.

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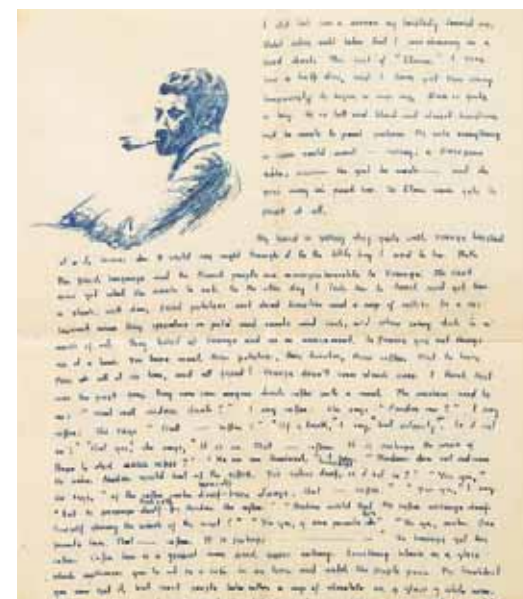
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Faulkner under the hammer

This photo provided by Sotheby's shows a letter William Faulkner wrote to his mother from Paris in 1925. It has a drawing of himself with a beard, and describes the difficulty of ordering a meal in a restaurant. Manuscripts and personal letters of the late author, whose original writings are a rarity in the literary marketplace, were on view Wednesday at Sotheby's in New York — an event intended to whet the appetites of scholars ahead of a June 11 auction.

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NEWS NOT FIT FOR PRINT

I have a lot of esteemed titles — freelance writer, ex-husband, that guy in Metro — but none bring me more respect than editor-in-chief of Canada's most dignified newspaper, The Beaver Examiner.

Perhaps you've heard of it. With mission statements to "keep fake news real" and "treat every week like shark week," The BeEx has been bringing insightful Canadian news to reader(s) since 2005, updated any time — day or night — once every several months.

As you'll see below, The Beaver Examiner is unencumbered by fact-checking, spelchecking or any of the other quaint traditions that hold back so many newspapers (seven worldwide as of press time). Enjoy and be enlightened!

The Beaver Examiner News Briefs: Proudly Independent From Facts

• **Rescuers Say 751,171 People Stranded In New Brunswick NEAR THE N.B. BORDER** — Emergency crews are being urgently dispatched to the province of New Brunswick today, after it was discovered that 751,171 people have been stranded there for the



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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entire winter.

Rescuers said they are having a difficult time accessing the area, due to a lack of affordable airfare and fear of becoming stranded themselves.

"We're hoping for the best, but we hear there may be 69,000 people in Moncton alone," said rescue co-ordinator Kerry Chandler, choking back tears.

Chandler said it was the most shocking disaster he and his staff can recall since rescuers stumbled upon several million people crammed into squalid conditions in downtown Toronto.

• **Unusually Skilled Witness to Shooting Knew Immediately Gunshots Were Gunshots VANCOUVER** — Burnaby resident Tom Mayer, a skilled witness to tragedy and unusually adept

innocent passerby, knew immediately that a gunshot he heard while leaving a bar in the Vancouver downtown was a gunshot.

"I heard a 'pop, pop' sound and I thought 'gunshots!' right away," the wise-beyond-his-peers Mayer said. "Definitely not a firecracker, firework, or car backfiring." Mayer said the tragedy that injured four didn't seem at all like an action movie, "because

that's kind of stupid."

Mayer said he picked up his witnessing acumen years ago when he saw a Cessna crash that he knew instantly had nothing to do with terrorism.

• **Prone Man Criticizes Goaltender's Positioning WINNIPEG** — Rick McHutchion, a Manitoba man who had been lying on his back on his couch for almost three hours, expressed disgust at the positioning of Winnipeg Jets goaltender Ondřej Pavelec during Tuesday's game against the Buffalo Sabres.

"He looks terrible out there," said McHutchion, as he fished awkwardly for the final chip in a bag resting on his ample stomach. "He should be embarrassed."

McHutchion added that the Winnipeg defence is lazy, and that he'd change the channel in disgust if the remote wasn't so far away.

And that's a look at the award-winning news coverage The Beaver Examiner brings every single day that I feel like it.

Check in next week when we'll examine a new survey that shows that nine out of 10 government scientists, when asked about being "muzzled" by the federal government, said "Mphm! Mphm!"

ZOOM

Why take the stairs when ...



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British IT company Peer 1 Hosting has unleashed the most enjoyable office ever. Their design makeover came complete with cinema, pub, pool table, golf course, tree house and giant helter-skelter slide. **METRO**

Other fun offices

- **Google:** Zurich. It's fitting that the tech giants put effort into their office. There is a rule to be never more than 100 metres from food, while an aquarium and library provide relaxation.
- **Comvert:** Milan. The clothing company has an indoor skating rink suspended above their desks to blow off steam.
- **DTAC:** Bangkok. Mobile-phone providers have a whole building and a floor for activities, featuring indoor soccer, table tennis, running track, and concert hall.
- **Selgas Cano:** Madrid. This architecture firm has designed their building to blend into the Spanish forest.

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Most of us amateurs have strengthened our Instagram chops considerably since those heady early days of documenting pets, parks and undeserving food. But we still have a long way to go before catching up to these iPhone-slinging pros.



AikBeng Chia:

With iPhone in pocket, AikBeng Chia wanders the streets of Singapore to provide a series of all-hours glimpses of the city's people, art and architecture. @aikbengchia

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@metropicks asked:
@Oprah is in trouble for backing skin cream derived from baby foreskins. What's your not-so-sketchy beauty secret?

@MisterInsight: I don't use any product, natural beauty is as fine as it comes

@jpadamson: Coconut oil as a hair conditioner and as a moisturizer. Smells great! Moisturizing! And you smell delicious!

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Letters

RE: Daredevil Raccoon Performs High-Wire Stunt, published April 9

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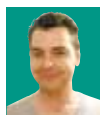
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Spurred on by satire?



Tina Fey's portrayal of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live during the 2008 presidential election still has staying power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

New fest. Panel discussion looks at how much political power the court jester wields



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When you think of Sarah Palin or George W. Bush, do you picture the politicians, or Tina Fey and Will Ferrell? That the question even needs to be asked speaks to the power of political satire.

That cultural influence has landed political satirists a seat

Stewart vs. Chappelle

Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert remain the standard bearers for modern political satire. But Duke finds their brand too partisan. "It's just too much their own point of view," she says. "It's almost too pointed so that I'm not sure about where the reality of it is. What's true and

what's not." For her money, Duke prefers satire that's a bit broader, and less based on specific issues, singling out comedians like George Carlin and Dave Chappelle. That approach gives the satire more staying power, she says. "It's more universal and it's more human."

at the table during this weekend's inaugural Spur Festival, which, says its founder Helen Walsh, looks at the intersection of civics, cash and culture. The subversive brand of comedy takes the spotlight Friday

in a panel discussion called Political Satire: Does it Matter? featuring Todd Hanson, editor of the Onion, Andy Bichlbaum from culture-jammers the Yes Men and author Terry Fallis.

"Political satire is a check

and balance on politics," says Walsh. "Often people hear criticism best in fiction or in the arts. Journalism can hit them over the head with problems."

Robin Duke, an alumnus of both SCTV and Saturday Night Live, is also taking part in Friday's panel. She says political satire does matter.

"I think it is from that satirical mind that change can come," she says. "You can point out the ridiculousness and say it comically. The audience thinks, 'That's how I feel,' but we've articulated it for them."

Yet in today's highly charged political sphere, most satire seems to come from the left, aimed at the right.

"I think the right just isn't as funny as the left," quips Duke.

Both Duke and Walsh agree that too often political satirists like Jon Stewart are preaching to their own choir.

To counteract this common conception, Walsh tried to get politicians, satire's primary targets, to take part in the discussion, but none were game.

Still, Walsh remains optimistic. "I think little bits of things get through, and when things get picked up in the media it becomes hard to ignore."

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It's no Mama, but she does hump a chair

Scary Movie 5. Ashley Tisdale faced some challenges while making the latest instalment of the horror flick spoof

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Here's a challenge most actors don't have to face: Doing last-minute reshoots that constitute more than half of the main plot of the movie. But that's exactly what Ashley Tisdale found herself faced with when her bosses on Scary Movie 5 decided they needed their spoof to be more up-to-date and worked in some digs at this year's horror hits Mama and Evil Dead. And they had to work fast. Of course, some of that might be Tisdale's own fault, though.

"I saw Mama opening weekend," Tisdale remembers. "I came out of there and I texted the producers, 'Oh



Ashley Tisdale stars in Scary Movie 5, opening this weekend. HANDOUT

my gosh, like we should really be spoofing Mama because it just worked so well.' And then (writer) Phil (Beauman) was like, 'Funny, we're actually going to spoof Mama.' So then we saw it again."

By the actress' estimation, the additional material spoofing Mama and Evil Dead

— based solely on seeing the trailer — accounted for about 60 per cent of the finished movie, done over about 10 days of filming.

Before signing on for the latest in the Scary Movie franchise, Tisdale was admittedly far from a horror fan.

"I have always been really

scared of scary movies just because I live by myself, and seeing something, then having a big imagination and then thinking you see it in the middle of the night (is terrifying)," she says.

"So I've never been really into them. But it's funny because doing this movie, now

Facing her fears

"I have always been really scared of scary movies just because I live by myself, and seeing something, then having a big imagination and then thinking you see it in the middle of the night (is terrifying.)"

Ashley Tisdale
Talking about working on Scary Movie 5.

I like them. Now I'll go watch Mama, because then I see things and I'm like, 'Oh my gosh, that's so spoof-able.' Because sometimes it's just so ridiculous."

But not nearly as ridiculous as simulating sex with household objects, something Tisdale was called on to do to excess for one overstuff montage in Scary Movie 5 — with some covered during the initial filming and some added in at the last minute. It proved to be a steep learning

curve.

"I had humped a potted plant in Atlanta, and that was nerve-wracking," she remembers.

"There was only one camera guy and they kept it really quiet so it was OK. But by the time I got to having to be with the chair and the microwave and all over the place, I was just like, 'Oh, I've got this. It's fine that everybody's watching.'"

That earned confidence didn't mean the performance was easy, though.

"I do recall having the hardwood chair hitting me from behind and I looked from behind and I was all into it. And then suddenly, I was just like, 'I'm getting slammed by a chair right now,' and I started hysterically laughing," she says, adding that the chair's enthusiasm was provided by a prop guy.

"They're like, 'Do it harder!' And I'm like, 'It's hard wood. It hurts.' I wish there was a camera on the prop guy who was probably like jamming it behind me. It just was so wrong."

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Roger Ebert defended the indefensible

Reviewing his reviews. A look at the more controversial selections from the former film critic

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967)

One of the first things he did, as a fresh-faced 25-year-old, was do what all critics ought to do: stand up for a movie that no one liked and whose studio was doing its best to suppress. John Huston's film was an on-simmer survey of a Southern army base, populated by a closeted major (Marlon Brando) and his jilting wife (Elizabeth Taylor).

Ebert's review describes the hostile atmosphere at the screening and praised Brando's performance as his best in a period during which he flailed.



Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974)

Though it's today (mostly) acknowledged as one of Sam Peckinpah's masterpieces, his grimy, bad tequila-soaked, fly-ridden tale of a man (Warren Oates) who literally has to bring someone the head of a guy named Alfredo Garcia was once considered a legendary bomb.

Ebert was among the prescient, not to mention perceptive, calling it "some kind of bizarre masterpiece."



Roger Ebert was the most famous film critic in the world, but he was also a film critic, which is to say fallible.

For all the classics he praised right out of the gate, or the ones he collected in his ever-swelling canon of The Great Movies, he got some wrong, or simply added to the dogpile on films, like Ishtar or Heaven's Gate, that could

have used a powerful friend.

But it's easy — and smug — to admonish critics for missing the boat when one has 20/20 hindsight.

(And easier still to neglect that having a major player say Blue Velvet was crap actually enriched the discussion of the film by forcing its fans to better articulate their praises.)

But let's not dwell on his so-called failures, which ought not even to be called that.

In honour of his recent passing, let's look at several films that everyone — or almost everyone — either hated or treated with apathy except that guy at the Chicago Sun-Times who was on that show with the skinny guy.

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Dawn of the Dead (1979)

Horror rarely gets a good rap, unless it's high-toned and made by established artists (Rosemary's Baby, The Exorcist.) Ebert praised George A. Romero's no-budget Night of the Living Dead back in 1967, and he threw his full four stars at its mall-set sequel.

He wrote: "It is gruesome, sickening, disgusting,



violent, brutal and appalling. It is also (excuse me for a second while I find my other list) brilliantly crafted, funny, droll, and savagely merciless in its satiric view of the American consumer society."



Saint Jack (1979)

Ebert was a staunch defender of the terrific Saint Jack, in which Ben Gazzara plays a Singapore pimp trying to eke by. At one point Gazzara pisses off local hoodlums, who tattoo his arms with vulgarities, which Ebert described as "a more diabolical and satisfactory form of gangland revenge than the concrete overcoat."



Synecdoche, New York (2008)

Roger Ebert wasn't the only person to highly praise Charlie Kaufman's highly divisive directorial debut, but he was one of the few to almost put it on his all time top 10. He didn't but that's praise nonetheless.

Femme Fatale (2002)

At the time it was slammed by the majority of publications and bombed.

Ebert was blunt about it. "This is pure filmmaking, elegant and slippery. I haven't had as much fun second-guessing a movie since Mulholland



Drive."

Yes, and good job finding the right contemporary movie to which to compare it.



Dark City (1998)

No one else of note had spoken of it as highly as Ebert did, and the film bombed, but he stuck by his guns, affording it a second, even third life. Ebert even recorded a commentary track for the DVD and would tour around with it for special screenings.

Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1984)

To Ebert, who wrote trash cinema himself, it was just part of the business of loving movies. He afforded masterpiece status to the third in George Miller's Mad Max series, claiming that Thunderdome, the centerpiece arena, "is the



first really original movie idea about how to stage a fight since we got the first karate movies."

The Cotton Club (1984)

Every film needs a defender, even the so-called indefensible, and for this Ebert was the man.

"It has the confidence and momentum of a movie where every shot was premeditated — and even if we know that wasn't the case, and this was one of the most troubled productions in recent movie history,



what difference does that make when the result is so entertaining?"

Tom Cruise admits to being caught off guard by divorce

Tom Cruise is finally opening up about his divorce from Katie Holmes, which caught most of Hollywood off guard. And it turns out it caught Cruise off guard as well.

"I didn't expect it," he says in an interview with German TV station ProSieben.

"To be 50 and to have experiences and to think you have a grip on everything, and then it hits you — this is it, what life can do to you. Life is a tragicomedy. You need to have a sense of humour."



Tom Cruise.

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Katy Perry.

Perry ridding herself of Brand

Katy Perry is quickly unloading any remnants from her marriage to Russell Brand, including the Hollywood Hills home he bought in 2011 and then relinquished to her following

their divorce, according to Us Weekly.

Perry is listing the seven-bedroom, 11-bath home for \$6.925 million. It sits on a three-acre compound near the Chateau Marmont.

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Gosling has kind words to say about Britney Spears

Growing up as co-stars on the Mickey Mouse Club made for some interesting run-ins between Ryan Gosling and Britney Spears — at least to hear Gosling tell it.

"Britney was a sweetheart," Gosling tells the U.K.'s Sunday Times magazine.

"She lived right above me, the girl next door. The little girl I used to play basketball and spin the bottle with."

Old pals

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Ryan Gosling
Talking about Britney Spears.

Their other Club-members included Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera and Keri Russell.

"I mean, sometimes you are at the same event, but it's a lot like I imagine what it's like to run into someone from elementary school," he says of how the old gang relates to each other now.



Twitter



@joelmchale

Last week my 5yr old walked out on our hotel balcony & repeatedly screamed GIVE ME MONEY. I thought "Wow, someday he will be a great leader"



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Sure, Diddy is dating @KateUpton. But did he win @esquiremag's Twitter War? Did he? DID HE!?! (Hugs crown, bursts into tears)



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When I was twelve, I wanted to launch a missile, too.



Lindsay Lohan.

Lohan pal looked to Liza to get the troubled star back on track

Lindsay Lohan was nearly given quite the talking to by Liza Minnelli late last year when the legendary singer was reportedly approached by a Lohan pal to stage an intervention, according to Radar Online.

Lohan's friend, Claus Hjelm-bak,

was the one who is said to have reached out to Minnelli.

"He was so concerned for her well-being because of her continued use of prescription pills and booze," a source says. "He reached out to Liza Minnelli's camp, in the hope that she could help. Liza has battled her own demons with alcohol and has been very supportive publicly of Lindsay. Claus thought that if anyone could get through to Lindsay, Liza could be that person."

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LAURA MVULA

British singer Laura Mvula sounds like Nina Simone and is being called the next Adele. She talks to us about her personal style.

'I'M AN EXPLORER'

KENYA HUNT

Metro World News in London

Laura Mvula's anthemic single, *That's Alright*, is a declaration against all of the unrealistic beauty standards promoted in magazines that make women second-guess themselves: "I will never be what you want and that's alright. Cause my skin ain't light and my body ain't tight. And that's alright."

So it's not surprising that the Brit who is often described as this generation's answer to Nina Simone would be equally secure in her sense of personal style.

As she prepares to go on tour in support of her new album, *Sing to the Moon*, she opens up about her natural hair,

crush on Vivienne Westwood and weakness for big heels.

Styling around her natural hair

"My hair is very short, so it's important for me to feel soft and feminine. I like to think I'm a warm person. I like to soften my image as much as possible so that my short hair isn't overly strong or intimidating."

Her stage persona versus her off-duty one

"I think the two go alongside each other. Even things like being practical, which isn't my strongest point as a person. Sometimes I'm standing at a keyboard, and I want to wear my big heels. I love my big heels. But even though I might have a specific image and vision in my head, it also has to be comfortable for me to wear. I think what I wear will change as I work with bigger ensembles."

At the moment simplicity is really important to me. I want to come off the stage feeling comfortable, like I've been able to move and not think about this wrap falling off my head or the length of my skirt."

On figuring out her look

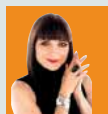
"I'm an explorer. My dad used to say that I was always the kid in the wardrobe trying on ridiculous pieces together and thinking somehow that they would work. I think a lot about my style and my image, which is really important to me. Even though I do feel like a baby when it comes to fashion. I still feel very much at the beginning of it all."

Her ultimate fashion fantasy

"I dream about Vivienne Westwood. When I was getting married, I spent a lot of time dreaming about her dresses. But to have this kind of (professional) opportunity makes (her clothes) more attainable. I've worn some of her pieces before. They're so elegant, pretty and feminine."



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This season, man purses are out, backpacks are in. We check out this season's must-have accessory, and it's practical, too.

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Metro World News in London

Just came to terms with owning a man purse and fashion takes a U-turn. Annoying? Slightly. But at least with the backpack, your mates won't snigger and you won't spend the first 10 minutes of every conversation explaining why it's not a shopper, handbag or tote. This season and, yes, next season (small victory) backpacks will be on trend. Forget wearing it on one shoulder like some teen reprobate, the runway says double- straps: it's better for your posture and you don't end up looking like a slovenly schoolboy. Here's what we're backing for spring.



POP on a Roy Lichtenstein-inspired pack.

Eastpak Authentic backpack \$76, asos.com

Make Kanye West proud

Givenchy airplane-print backpack, \$1,135, mr-porter.com



Here's one for the hipster cyclist

Ally Capellino Igor backpack, \$508, allycapellino.com

Go all bright-back mountain

TMD design nylon contrast panel oversized backpack, \$160, topman.com



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H by Harris Q3 Rucksack in black, \$755, hbyharris.com



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Full checkered jacket

'Tis the season for sporting some peppy tailoring. Metro rounds up the best of the selection in stores for spring.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Let's start with the obvious: the checked sports jacket is not subtle. It was once the preserve of country club types, weekend '80s bankers and men too old to care about modesty. However, these days most urbanites are willing to subscribe to more outré outfits and this natty number is certainly one way to go about it. The cut, as with most modern tailoring, is slimmer and less boxy, making it the perfect partner for chinos or shorts for the summer months.



Paul Smith

sky blue check patch pocket jacket, \$820, paulsmith.co.uk



Zara

Double breasted linen blazer, \$189, zara.com

Topman

Blue and green tartan blazer, \$220, topman.com



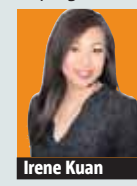
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Checked cotton jacket, \$914, brownsfashion.com

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Canadian maple syrup makes a wok winner

GAV MARTELL
YummyMummyClub.ca

Rather than using sugar, this dish calls for some Canadian maple syrup for sweetness. The sweetness contrasted with the zip of the red wine vinegar makes this Crispy Maple Beef a morsel by morsel mouth-pleasing wok winner.

1. Mix the beef, baking soda, and 3 tablespoons of water in a medium bowl. Cover, and refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight (the baking soda will tenderize the steak).

2. To make the sauce, mix the syrup, vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch in a small bowl. Set aside.

Ingredients

- 1 lb stir-fry beef
 - 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
 - 3 tbsp water
 - Vegetable oil
 - 1 cup cornstarch
 - 1 large egg white, lightly beaten
 - 1 tsp sesame oil
 - 3 cups prepared white rice
- Sauce**
- 4 tbsp maple syrup
 - 4 tbsp red wine vinegar
 - 2 tbsp soy sauce
 - 1 tsp cornstarch

3. Heat a large wok over high heat. Add enough vegetable oil to come about 1 1/2 inches up the sides of the wok, and heat to 375 degrees F. Meanwhile, add the cornstarch and egg white to the beef, and mix well to coat.

4. Cook the beef one small batch at a time (about 1/2 cup) so that it does not bring the

temperature of the oil too low. Stir gently until it begins to look crispy, about 1 minute. Using a wire mesh strainer, transfer the beef to a colander to drain. Remove any fried bits from the wok.

5. Return the beef to the wok, and fry again until crispy all over, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a strainer to drain. Discard

all but 1 tablespoon of oil from the wok.

6. Return the wok to high heat. Add the beef, sauce mixture and sesame oil. Stir-fry until all of the ingredients are well blended, about 30 seconds. Serve immediately over steamed rice. **YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD.**



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Dinner. Kind of Carpaccio

Carpaccio is an Italian dish of thinly sliced and lightly seasoned raw steak. This recipe preserves the essence of carpaccio, but adds both the texture and taste of a light sear

to the exterior.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup mirin
- Kosher salt and coarsely ground black pepper
- Two 6-oz bison steaks
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the mirin, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper. Add the steaks, turning to coat evenly, then refrigerate for at least 20 minutes and up to an hour.

2. When ready to cook, in a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil until very hot but not smoking. Add the steaks and sear on each side for 1 1/2 minutes. Transfer the steaks to a platter and let



rest for 5 minutes.

3. Once the steaks have rested, thinly slice them across the grain. Fan the slices onto 2 serving plates, then season with salt and pepper. Squeeze 1 or 2 lemon wedges over each. Serve immediately.

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Dinner. Steaks with Seared Mushrooms and Red Wine Vinaigrette



1. Brush steaks on both sides with oil and season with salt and pepper. Allow to stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 mins. before grilling.

2. Prepare grill for direct cooking over high heat (450 to 550 F) and medium heat (350 to 450 F) and preheat a perforated grill pan over medium heat.

3. In skillet over medium-low heat, cook bacon and onion, 8 mins., stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat.

4. Combine vinaigrette ingredients, including 1/4 cup oil, 1/2 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper; whisk until smooth. Put mushrooms in bowl and add 1/4 cup vinaigrette. Mix well. Reserve remaining vinaigrette.

5. Grill steaks over direct high heat, with lid closed, until cooked to your desired doneness, 10 mins. for medium rare, turning once or twice. Remove from grill and let rest 5 mins.

6. Spread mushrooms in single layer on grill pan and grill over direct medium heat, with lid closed, 8 min., turning

once. Don't move mushrooms until bottom sides are nicely browned. Transfer to skillet with the bacon and onions and warm over medium heat for about 1 min., stirring often. Add chives and mix well. Serve steaks warm with mushroom mixture spooned on top. If desired, whisk the reserved vinaigrette and drizzle some over each steak. **NEWS CANADA**

Ingredients

- 4 beef tenderloin steaks, each about 6 oz and 1 1/4 inches thick
 - Extra-virgin olive oil
 - Kosher salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - 3 thick slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch dice (2 oz)
 - 1/3 cup finely diced red onion
 - 8 oz cremini mushrooms, stems removed, each cut into quarters
 - 2 tbsp finely chopped fresh chives
- Vinaigrette**
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A traditional warehouse-style mid-rise



The 11-storey condo is located in Roncesvalles Village. SUBMITTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** 383 Sorauren
- **Builder.** Gairloch Developments
- **Location.** Roncesvalles
- **Website.** 383sorauren.com
- **Sizes.** From 470 to 1,500 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** From \$250,000 to \$899,000

The project overview

Designed by Peter Clewes, this stunning, mid-block, masonry building is a modern interpretation of a traditional warehouse-style structure. The boutique, 11-storey mid-rise offers 161 modern suites and is located in the heart of the vibrant Roncesvalles community.

Location and transit

Walk to Bloor subway station and adjacent TTC streetcar line on Dundas and College. Nearby Bloor GO train station, connects with the downtown core in minutes. Drivers can take the nearby Gardiner Expressway, or the Lake Shore Boulevard.

In the neighbourhood

Close to Dundas West boutique shopping and minutes walk to Roncesvalles, home of some of Toronto's most critically-acclaimed restaurants and art galleries. Nearby is Sorauren Park and High Park, with Liberty Village just to the east.

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Last Friday I was invited by George Brown College's Centre for Construction and Engineering Technologies to help break ground on their new Green Building Centre. It is the first facility of its kind and the applied research that will take place there will bridge the gap between industry and innovation.

Students will have the advantage of learning about the latest sustainable building practices, which evolve and improve at a rapid pace. It's important to the industry that we stay on top of the latest innovation and technology and it is a great benefit to all of us to have a skilled and qualified construction workforce that is literate in green building practices.

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In addition to our commitment to education, BILD is committed to promoting sustainable development and green building. Every year, we recognize the best green builders in the GTA in both the low-rise and the high-rise sectors at our BILD Awards and we added a green renovation category to our Renovation and Custom Home Awards this year. Environmental stewardship is embedded in our Association's Strategic Plan and we continue to play a leadership role in making information, education and training available to our members.

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This designer eye stays Canadian

Shop the tried-and-true retailers that were born here



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With the recent hoopla about new fashion and decor retailers invading Canada, I thought I'd pay homage to the home decor retailers who have been born and bred in this country.

I've always believed we have consistently been home to the best, and with a good style-eye, anyone can find attractive, on-trend home decor items for less than what others might expect.

The trick to an interesting decor is to mix various price points and styles that compliment each other. If you are looking for some well-priced accessories, here's a list of my favourite items from nationally available — and Canadian-born — retail and online stores.

EQ3

Born 12 years ago, the Winnipeg-based furniture manufacturer now has 11 stores in Canada and a comprehensive website that allows online shoppers to purchase affordable modern furnishings from coast to coast. Made in Canada upholstered furnishings are great



quality and excellent value.

Matt Rocker, \$599, eq3.com

Urban Barn

Founded by two high school friends 23 years ago, BC's born-and-bred home furnishings retailer boasts 41 locations and a comprehensive website. Trend-conscious shoppers can find amazingly priced furnishings and home accessories that change seasonally. Look for semi-custom furniture and carpets, trendsetting decorative objects and art. My favourite piece at the moment is a modern deco inspired bookcase that would act perfectly as a room divider as well.



Biblioteca Bookcase, \$699, urbanbarn.com

Simons

The esteemed family-owned retailer from Quebec has been in the fashion and housewares business for more than 170 years — it recently opened a new store in Edmonton. Canadians can even shop for their home decor online. Its bedding and tabletop linens always please me and Simons' imported lines are hard to find elsewhere. I am always impressed with the bedding: great quality, well priced and some very interesting designs.



New York Duvet Cover Set, from \$130, simons.ca

Homesense

The domestic spin-off of discount fashion retailer Winners, Homesense boasts prices 20 to 60 per cent less than other retailers. With around 90 stores coast-to-coast, savvy home decor shoppers are sure to enjoy quality brands at discount prices. Homesense is my go-to for decorative pillows in designer styles, fabrics and fills (many have posh down/feather fills) that would cost five times the price elsewhere.



Designer-style pillows, from \$14, homesense.ca



Over-dyed semi-antique patchwork rugs, from \$200, ecarpetgallery.com

eCarpetGallery

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Curb appeal puts your home in big demand

Home. First impression is critical when setting the mood for prospective buyers

In a market where sellers are in competition to make the most out of their largest investment, improving your home's first impression is one of the best ways to set it apart from the rest of the pack.

When prospective buyers or renters drive through your neighbourhood, what do they see? This is a really important question that you need to answer because it will help understand what your buyer is going to be looking for in a new home.

Once you've answered this, ask yourself objectively if the front of your home is in keeping with the rest of the houses on your block. The first impression is critical in setting the mood for prospective agents and buyers.

If your home's exterior looks like it needs work, then people immediately assume that it's a fixer-upper. The opposite is true if your front yard is manicured, the roof is in good shape and the driveway is in good condition. Having a potential buyer walk into your front door in a positive mood can translate into big dollars for you.

Both Virginia Tech and the University of Guelph did studies in 2011 that measured the

effect of landscaping on property values, and they both came to the same conclusion. To improve curb appeal, basic landscaping increased the home's value by five per cent, but more extensive landscaping, including decks and patios, increased the home's value up to 15 per cent.

So where do you spend the money?

Set your budget and be realistic about what you're trying to accomplish with it. Keep in mind that you are trying to create an excellent first impression to attract potential buyers. This isn't the opportunity for you to realize your landscaping dreams. Consider a new paint job using a colour scheme that highlights the character of your home. Install a new front door or at least update your door's hardware. Even something as simple as full and healthy planters can make a favourable impact.

One of the easiest ways to improve curb appeal is to have a clean and tidy front yard with a manicured lawn. Maybe this is the opportunity to invest in some new tools to help do the job properly. The best part about this type of investment is that not only will your plants and lawn look better with edging, pruning and cutting, you also get to take your new tools with you once you've sold your home.

The technology for landscaping tools has made the purchasing task much easier as well. Now you can get a



A clean and tidy yard is the best way to improve curb appeal. NEWS CANADA

hedge trimmer, string trimmer or sweeper & vac all in one system. With the Black & Decker 36V Lithium system, for example, you can use the same battery and charger for all three of those tools. A quick prune of the shrubs with the hedge trimmer, followed by a "one-around" with the string trimmer and then tidying up with the sweeper will help you to maintain the front yard in as little as 10 minutes per day.

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Got a disaster deck? These experts can help

DIY gone awry.

New TV show aims to show homeowners how to rebuild and beautify their “outdoor eyesores”

Dreams of an outdoor oasis can quickly dissolve for home-

owners who tackle backyard builds without the skills and knowledge to do the job properly.

Home renovation show Disaster Decks profiles cases of DIY gone awry. But homeowners don't just get to show up for the big reveal — they're put to work.

Designer and carpenter Paul Lafrance takes on hosting duties on the new series,

bringing along familiar faces from his HGTV Canada series Decked Out, including landscaper Jeff Sarty and stylist Heidi Richter.

“It's still fun,” Richter said in an interview. “We've still got the whole gang with their jokes and all of the rest of it, but it's a little more of a tutorial.”

“The homeowner is involved and what they are

doing is teaching them how to rebuild the deck. It's generally people that built their own deck or they've inherited an old crappy deck from an old purchase. So we go in and help them.”

Disaster Decks airs on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. ET on HGTV Canada. The first of two back-to-back episodes features Leo and Anne, whose lovely home is attached to an

outdoor eyesore.

Anne yearns for a lounge area to host guests, but the dilapidated deck constructed by do-it-yourselfer Leo 25 years ago is hardly fit for entertaining with its rotting wood and exposed nails.

Lafrance and his team enlist Leo as they reconstruct the deck, while Richter steps in toward the end of the redo to bring in furniture and other decorative touches. She said a common thread among the decks gone wrong was really noticeable in the finishing.

“They would get things ... to a functional stage, but they were all looking a little rough around the edges. So they just need a little bit more help with that finishing just to tweak them and make it a more professional deck.”

Rather than going over-the-top extravagant with the outdoor projects, Richter said the aim of Disaster Decks is to focus on more attainable ideas for the average homeowner.

“What we were trying to do is to find decks that already had good strong footings or support so there wasn't a whole lot of structural work to be done,” she said. “We could use the framework

Have a vision

“The first step (to building a deck) is just deciding how you want to use your backyard.”

Heidi Richter, stylist for Disaster Decks

and basically do re-decking, adding new details—railings, privacy screens and that sort of thing.”

For viewers inspired to have a new or revamped deck of their own to enjoy during warmer weather, don't reach for the tools — or your wallet — just yet. Richter said it's important for homeowners to determine how they're going to use their outdoor space and to have help to determine how their build will take shape.

“Do they want the beautiful built-in kitchen? Do they want just a small deck area? Do they want to do a deck or do they want to do a stone patio?” she asked. “If they have children, then they want to ensure that they have some space for them to run as well. So the first step is just deciding how you want to use your backyard.” **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



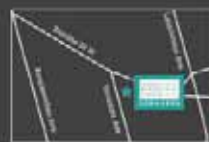
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Disaster Decks stylist Heidi Richter puts the finishing touches on a renovated deck. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Get decked out

When it comes to incorporating decorative details, Richter suggests going for personal and functional additions.

- “There's now lots of wonderful wall hangings that you can put in,” she says. “There's Plexiglas that has bamboo embedded in it

which allows the light to travel through, but also adds texture.”

- Richter also suggests stitching together different pieces. “Mix and match the fabrics and furniture a little bit. It makes it a little more personal.”

Legal matters

Paying taxes on new home

I recently purchased a new home and have just received a tax bill from the city for an instalment due on April 1, 2013. My bank indicated when I was negotiating the mortgage that they would be paying the property taxes. My lawyer has indicated that the taxes had been paid up to the date of closing, which was mid-March, and was accounted for in the closing funds. I am confused as to who should be paying this instalment and how to unravel this problem.



LEGAL MATTERS
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Each municipality has different methods of payment for property taxes.

You should reach out to your city's tax department for an explanation. Typically, vendors of a property will make payment of taxes for the instalments that fall due



Reach out to your city's tax department for a full explanation about your property taxes. ISTOCK IMAGES

while they own the property. Your lawyer should be able to tell you what has been paid in taxes up to the time of closing. If there is an instalment due after closing, that would be the responsibility of the new owner.

Banks that pay property taxes usually start payment when the final tax bill is issued for the year, which is in June/

July of the calendar year.

In the end, you are responsible for taxes for your property. Any invoices sent to you directly should be addressed in a timely manner so that penalties do not apply.

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West Don Lands prepare for Pan Am games

2015. Area will house 10K athletes and officials before being retrofitted as condos



CONDO TRENDS
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Things are busily taking shape at the site of the 2015 Pan American Games. Acres of construction is underway, transforming the West Don Lands into a gleaming new urban village.

The area will initially serve as the Athletes' Village for the duration of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. During the games, the Village will host approximately 10,000 athletes and officials from 41 countries.

Afterward, the permanent buildings comprising the Village will be retrofitted as regular condo units. This will definitely have an impact on Toronto's condo inventory.

When the West Don Lands is fully developed, it will add an estimated total of 7,000 condo units and a population of 10,000 new residents to the area.

The Canary District condominiums will be the first of five market condos planned for the community.

The two towers, the south tower is eight storeys and the north tower is 11 storeys, comprising 369 suites, are connected by low-rise five-storey bar buildings with townhomes at ground level. The Canary District name derives from the famed Canary Restaurant which graced the corner of Front Street East and Cherry Street from the mid-1960s to 2007.

Jason Lester, chief operating officer of developer Dundee Realty Corporation, says the community is anchored by a recreational facility on the east side and the adjacent Distillery District as a cultural destination. Lester's development team is responsible for the entire build, including all the infrastructure, the side streets, even the streetcar tracks along



The West Don Lands site from the 26th floor of the still under construction Pure Spirits condo. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

Cherry Street.

Facing onto Cherry Street is the 82,000 square foot YMCA complex, one of the largest ever built in Toronto. Housing a pool, gym, fitness centre and community facilities, it can handle up to 1,000 people per

day. Adjacent to this will be the new George Brown College residences with capacity for up to 500 students.

The units are provisioned for the athletes will have temporary partitions and no kitchens. A one-bedroom unit houses five

athletes; a two-bedroom up to 10. For about six months after the games, the units will be retrofitted as regular condos for permanent residents, complete with Taron new home warranties. Front Street is about as far east of Yonge as Spadina is

west. There are plans for a wide promenade along the reconfigured Front Street, a meandering, grand boulevard with two lanes of traffic, one lane of parking and two lanes of linear park, about as wide as Spadina is now.

Canary District fast facts

- 787. Number of market condominiums
- 28. Number of townhomes
- 12. Number of loft units and top tier retail
- 253. Number of units of affordable housing
- 175,000. Square feet — George Brown College residence
- 82,000. Square feet — YMCA complex
- 10,000. Number of athletes and officials from 41 countries

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

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The desire to live in a place where there aren't as many maintenance chores is one of the key motivations for choosing a condo. JUPITERIMAGES/BRAND X PICTURES/THINKSTOCK

Low-maintenance living

Condominiums. Having fewer responsibilities makes housing arrangements easier for people

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

Working as a real estate agent for the last 15 years, Joyce Richards has noticed that while there are different groups of people buying condos, there is a

common thread between them. Whether it's the retiree looking to downsize or the young person who travels a lot, the desire to live in a place where there aren't as many maintenance chores is one of the key motivations for choosing a condo.

Having fewer responsibilities makes housing arrange-

ments easier for people who travel or work out of town frequently.

"You just lock the door and go," says the Halifax-based real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Supercity Realty.

Another advantage of living in a condo is it allows people to live more centrally, thus allowing them to walk to work, be close to public transportation and the amenities of a downtown.

"People like to buy condos

for the location," says Nic Blachette, a real estate agent with Sutton West Coast Realty in Vancouver.

There are, of course, downsides to condo living.

"I think some of the cons are people don't understand they are moving into a community," Richards says.

She says issues can pop up where people aren't respectful of their neighbours. Unlike living in one's own house, they have to be especially careful

about the noise they create since condos will have different types of noise restrictions.

"You do have neighbours and they're a lot closer than when you had a house," Richards says.

Conflict between the owners at a condo building can also come about because of things like repairs to the units. While something like window replacements may not seem like a conflict generator on the surface, the fact owners may

disagree on how much to spend on the replacements can create conflict, Blachette cautions.

Also, condos may not be an ideal fit for families as the amenities of a condo tend to be more geared towards adults, Richards says.

Before purchasing a condo, people need to make sure the building meshes well with their lifestyle.

"It's a good concept," Richards says. "It just has to meet your lifestyle."



Make a list of your basic needs to see if you can afford buying a home.

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Tips. Know what you can afford

More than ever before, first-time homebuyers are considering housing affordability.

"We want consumers to be comfortable with the financial responsibilities of owning a home, so it's important to determine what you can afford in order to maintain a reasonable lifestyle once you've made the leap," says Phil Soper, president of Royal LePage Canada.

To assess if you are ready

for home ownership, Soper offers this guideline:

1 Determine your net worth. Take your assets (earnings, investments, savings, vehicles and other items you own) and subtract your liabilities (car loans, lines of credit, overdrafts and credit cards). A positive number is a good sign that you may be ready to purchase your first home.

2 Hire a real estate agent. Top agents have extensive

experience and demonstrate dedication and commitment to helping their clients. Ask your family and friends for a referral, or explore real estate websites to read profiles on agents, including their areas of expertise and languages spoken. A real estate agent will have knowledge of accurate, real-time market data to leverage your negotiating position, as well as access to properties often even before they are listed.

3 Make a list of your basic needs. Is it important to you to be close to transit and amenities? Do you intend to grow your family or do you have a need for extra space? Determine the factors essential to you in a home and which ones you may be able to live without. This will help you narrow your search and choose a home that is within your financial means.

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Condos can consist of many different styles of buildings and layouts so choose the one that suits your lifestyle. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

There's a style for everyone

**RICHARD
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For Metro

While condos often bring to mind thoughts of units in a highrise building, the reality is they can consist of many different styles of buildings, such as townhouses and single-detached houses.

Regardless of the type, it is important people find out what exactly they own before purchasing a condo.

"It's always more advisable to get legal counsel prior to doing anything because there are consequences — both financial and otherwise — to signing agreements," says Syl-

van Schneider, the president of Schneider Attorney Inc. in Montreal.

This is especially true given that no two condos are exactly like.

In most cases, "you basically own everything that's in the unit and then you have a share in everything that's outside of the unit," says Rosellina Giardino, a real estate lawyer with Giardino Law in Edmonton.

The items that would fall outside of the unit (and thus qualify as a common element) would be things like the hallways, any amenity rooms and the building's mechanical systems. As well, it's important

to look into whether extras such as parking spaces or storage are included as part of the deal.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) cautions that while these may be for the exclusive use of a unit owner, there may be conditions attached to using them.

"While these spaces are exclusive to your use, there may be restrictions on how and when you use them," says the CMHC's Condominium Buyers' Guide.

While ownership in most condos consists of owning the unit and having a share in the common elements, it isn't al-

ways that way.

In the case of freehold condominiums (also known as a bare/vacant land condominium), "the unit may be the entire house including the exterior walls, the roof and, in some cases, the land surrounding the structure," CMHC says.

The CMHC also says the maintenance of these outside elements may be the responsibility of the condo corporation or the unit owner.

To bring clarity to just what one owns and who is responsible for maintenance, it is crucial to get sound advice.

"It's really important to talk to a lawyer," says Giardino.



Find out exactly what you own before buying a condo. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

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A small bistro table and two chairs tucked into corner create a relaxing nook on your condo balcony. NEWS CANADA PHOTO

Create a cosy outdoor haven

Most condo and apartment balconies are barren spaces surrounded by dull, grey concrete, steel and glass. They aren't very inviting. And that's probably why most of us don't use them very often.

But why not use every inch of your little piece of urban real estate to its fullest? If your building's rules allow you to, the experts at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse offer a range of suggestions to maximize your living space by creating a cosy outdoor haven.

A concrete floor isn't very welcoming. Adding a small outdoor area rug will make it comfortable for your bare feet.

Look for small-scale furniture that is both comfortable and functional. A cushioned corner chair or lounge at one end of a balcony gives you a place to read a book or take a breezy nap.

A small bistro table and two chairs tucked into another corner create a relaxing nook for your morning tea or evening glass of wine.

If you have the space and a suitable corner, two short storage benches or deck boxes and a square table form a dining booth for entertaining.

Whatever furnishings you choose, make sure your seating is comfortable. If your current chairs don't have padding, invest in a few washable outdoor cushions. Then add some outdoor pillows and throw blankets.

Don't be afraid to choose

Balcony gardens

"For a little variety, combo planters are great for creating balcony gardens, and they come in a range of colours and styles. If you don't have space for a garden, a hanging wall bag adds a splash of colour to any outside wall space."

Sarah Skeates, merchandising specialist with Lowe's

bright colours and fun designs. A balcony is for relaxing and entertaining, so it should be friendly and inviting.

If you will be using your patio at night, the right lantern or outdoor candle can create a warm, relaxing ambience.

A tiny garden can also add some life to your balcony. Many potted flowers and plants — including tomatoes, peppers and herbs — thrive in small spaces.

"For a little variety, combo planters are great for creating balcony gardens, and they come in a range of colours and styles," says Sarah Skeates, a merchandising specialist with Lowe's. **"If you don't have space for a garden, a hanging wall bag adds a splash of colour to any outside wall space."**

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App. Calculate financial situations

CMHC is pleased to introduce two new tools to help Canadian homebuyers make informed and responsible homebuying decisions.

CMHC's new debt service calculator allows homebuyers to evaluate their financial situation and understand how much they can comfortably afford to spend on a mortgage. The easy-to-use calculator allows users to quickly estimate their gross debt-service ratio

(GDS) and total debt-service ratio (TDS), both important measures in assessing their financial readiness for home ownership. The debt service calculator can be accessed on cmhc.ca (search calculator).

CMHC's new "Ready, Set, Home" mobile app provides consumers, especially first-time

homebuyers, with comprehensive CMHC information and tools at their fingertips. The app helps homebuyers keep track of the details throughout the homebuying process and provides access to a variety of helpful calculators, articles and other resources.

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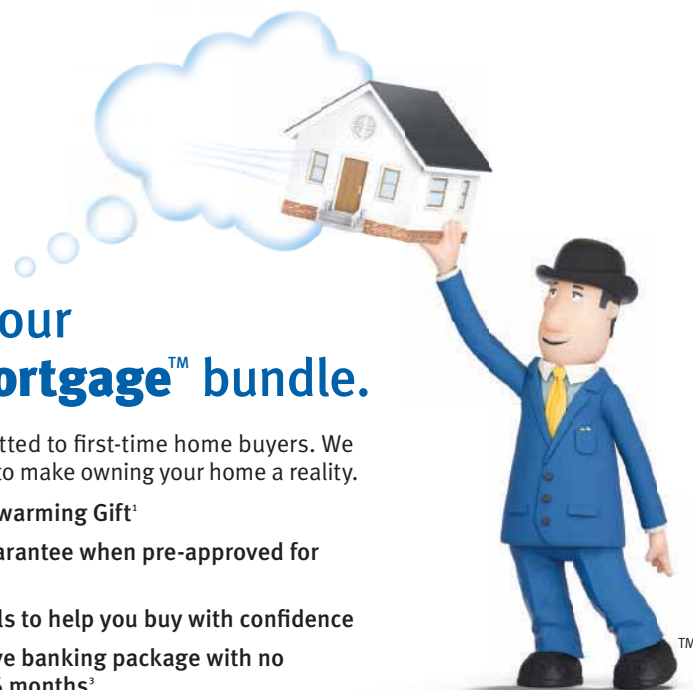
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Some condominiums, like One Park Place, will feature garden plots on the roof. CONTRIBUTED



A view of some of the outdoor amenities offered at 277 Davenport. CONTRIBUTED

The great outdoors

Urban oases. Projects incorporating stunning features that transcend living in the city

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For Metro

Tucked atop podiums or set on rooftops with panoramic views, the outdoor amenity areas at condo projects are among Toronto's most spectacular urban oases.

These spaces are incorporating everything from private cabanas to water features to barbecue pits, seating areas with designer outdoor furniture, and stunning pools.

"I don't believe there's a condo project we are consulting on, or ready to release, or selling in the marketplace that doesn't have spectacular outdoor amenities," says Barbara Lawlor, president of Baker

Real Estate, a firm that sells many of the city's top condo projects. "Outdoor space is so important to Canadians and Torontonians because we have such challenging winters. Everybody craves and looks forward to the moment we have the ability to be outdoors and developers have been catering to this by designing fabulous outdoor spaces."

Lawlor says these spaces are boasting tremendous attention to detail and extensive landscaping that includes beautiful trees and gardens that are "anything from Zen to a riot of colours."

She says there is little doubt that great outdoor amenities are a big selling feature for condos.

"There is tremendous interest and expectation from the buyer that they will have wonderful outdoor spaces. We sell many condominiums from plans and as soon as we put out a new launch with the renderings of the building and

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the outdoor spaces, it really captures buyers' imaginations."

Lawlor says landscape architects and landscape designers have become integral members of the team when a new condo is in the planning stages so all of the condo spaces, inside and out, are integrated into a cohesive design.

She says because so many baby boomer buyers enjoy entertaining, condos are featuring deluxe party rooms and most are designed to open to terraces so they can extend

the indoor space to the outdoors.

Lawlor cites the new King Blue condo in the heart of the Entertainment District as having first-class outdoor space, with "really grand outdoor seating arrangements, water features and dining areas. It's quite amazing to have that in the heart of the busy downtown."

She also says the developers of the IQ condo at Islington and the Queensway hired landscape architect Janet Rosenberg to create a beautifully landscaped ground-level



The Perry will offer a "Serenity Terrace" for its residents. CONTRIBUTED

park. Several floors up, a beautiful infinity edge pool will overlook a lounging terrace that will overlook the park below.

One Bloor boasts an indoor-outdoor swimming pool. The Perry will have a "Serenity Terrace," an intimate outdoor space clad in mulberry granite, wrapped in white pine trees and furnished with beautiful pieces by Paola Lenti, a luxury furniture brand based in Milan.

"There are so many ex-

amples of fabulous outdoor spaces," Lawlor says.

Other developers are including even more features into their outdoor spaces — 33 Bay St. includes not only a landscaped terrace, but a golf centre, tennis court and running track.

And at One Park Place, one of the condominiums in the revitalized Regent Park neighbourhood, residents will be able to grow their own vegetables on dedicated garden plots on the fifth-floor podium roof.

Condo fees. More important than people think

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While it is said that death and taxes are the two certainties in life, for people living in a condo, one can add condo fees to the list.

These are the fees unit owners pay on a monthly basis to cover their portion of the operating and maintenance expenses of a condo's

common elements.

Because these may differ from condo to condo, they may include things such as snow removal, maintaining a building's heating and cooling system, and the salaries of condo employees.

"Condo fees are much more important than people think," says Anne-Marie Ambert, the founder of the website condoinformation.ca.

She recommends people

research how the fees at a given condo compare to other nearby condos that are similar in age and style.

While low fees may be attractive on the surface, it might be an indication a building doesn't have much of a reserve fund in place. (A reserve fund ensures there is enough money available to fund major repairs and replacements over a building's life.)

If a building has an inad-

equated reserve fund, it can make up the difference by way of a special assessment charge.

"This is why it is important to review the financial statements, reserve fund level, building condition surveys, inspection reports, maintenance history and the estoppel or status certificate for the corporation before you commit to buying," says the Canada Mortgage and Housing

Corporation's Condominium Buyers' Guide.

On the flip side, high condo fees are another cause for concern since they may be indicative of wasteful spending by the condo corporation, Ambert says.

Bill Thompson, the vice-president of the Canadian Condominium Institute's national executive board, says it's important that people choose condos that reflect

their lifestyles since this has an impact on how much the condo fees will be.

"You have to look for a condominium that suits your lifestyle," he says.

For example, if people are looking for a condo that has a gym, swimming pool and outdoor tennis courts, this will increase the cost of the condo fees. "Amenities drive maintenance costs quite a bit," Thompson says.



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So, you have found your ideal apartment — a two-bedroom basement paradise or a mid-town penthouse or a fantastic south-facing one-bedroom condo. Now it's time to move in right away, right? Sure, start packing, but make sure you also budget for tenant insurance.

Perhaps you think you don't need it because you are only renting and you don't

own any fancy stuff. But what if something happened — would you have enough set aside to replace all your belongings and to find temporary housing? If you said no, Pina Ferraro-Novello, a corporate underwriter with Desjardins General Insurance Group, would like you to reconsider.

"Tenant insurance is necessary because it protects

your property and also covers you in the event that you accidentally cause damage to the property of others," Ferraro-Novello says. "For example, if your bathtub overflowed and flooded the apartment below, destroying your neighbour's property, tenant insurance would protect you. Luckily, it's a simple and affordable coverage. Also, if you're a student, your parents' policy

might automatically extend coverage to you at school."

What's typically covered by tenant insurance?

This type of insurance protects you from damage, like fire, theft, certain water damage and vandalism. If your apartment is seriously damaged as a result of an insured loss, tenant insurance would also typically cover your addi-

tional living expenses while it's being repaired. Tenant insurance also provides liability coverage if someone gets hurt because of your negligence, like slipping and falling on a wet floor in your apartment, for example.

How much coverage do you need?

The total cost of tenant's insurance will depend largely

on the value of your contents. Most renters tend to underestimate what it would cost to replace their belongings. It's smart to take an inventory, including photos, which only takes a few minutes and will make things a lot easier if you experience a loss.

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Before purchasing, research the pros and cons to buying a new condo versus a resale one. PHOTOS.COM/THINKSTOCK

New or used: Which is best suited for you?

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

Newer isn't always better. That's the bottom line when it comes to purchasing a condo since there are many pros and cons to buying a new condo versus a resale one.

Perhaps the biggest advantage to buying a new condo is it will likely be more modern in style.

"You're getting a new product with today's features and finishes," says Josh Nelson, a real estate agent with Royal LePage Foothills in Calgary.

This will also likely include a warranty.

As well, buyers will be able to make the unit more their own by selecting finishes and upgrades.

The condo fees may be lower in a new building, but that isn't necessarily a good thing.

"That's also a big negative in my opinion, in that most of the developers ... set these condo fees too low," Nelson says.

Nelson says it takes some-

where between three and five years for a new condo to get a good idea of how it should be spending its money. He says if the condo fees haven't gone up after five years, they will likely go up substantially very soon.

Another downside to a new condo can be that people are often purchasing it when it is nothing more than plans on a piece of paper.

"A plan is a plan and a finished product could be completely different," says Clair Whittington, a broker with Maxwell Altima Realty in Regina.

This is in contrast to a resale condo.

"You know what the finished product is," Whittington says.

Having a finished product with a track record can also provide people with some reassurance.

"You may find a little bit more security in a resale building in that you have been seeing what it has been doing in its past and you can get an idea of where it will be in the future," Nelson says.

RICHARD WOODBURY

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Know the rules before you move in

Bylaws. Condos have a structure in place so that living conditions appeal to everyone

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

Every condo building has its own set of rules, regulations and bylaws.

"The restrictions are essentially a fourth level of government, a way of creating sanity within an environment," says Bill Thompson, the vice-president of the Canadian Condominium Institute's national executive board.

He says because condos are "a lifestyle-driven environment," the rules, regulations and bylaws in place are meant to reflect that.

For example, a condo for seniors will probably have a lot of noise restrictions, while a condo with a rooftop "party bar" probably won't have many, Thompson says.

Besides noise, things like whether pets are permitted are spelled out. If they are, the kinds and numbers allowed will be specified.

While a person may own their unit, it doesn't necessarily mean they can do whatever they want to it. For example, if they want to renovate the kitchen, there is likely a process by which a person will need to get approval before



Condos have rules, such as owning pets, to maintain "sanity within an environment," says Bill Thompson, vice-president of the Canadian Condominium Institute's national executive board. HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

the work begins.

"The condo owners, they have to appreciate that there's a structure in place and that structure is supposed to be for the betterment of the condominium corporation," says Linda Pinizzotto, the founder and president

CEO of Condo Owners Association, a non-profit organization representing condo owners in Ontario.

She says it's important that if people disagree with the rules, regulations and bylaws in place, they have a means of questioning them

fairly and respectfully. Enforcement of the rules, bylaws and regulations is handled by a building's condo corporation.

Using Ontario as an example, if the condo corporation is unable to enforce the rules, the matter would be

handled by mediation (and then binding arbitration if mediation didn't work). If both of those things fail, the condo corporation could end up getting a court-enforced order.

However, Thompson says there are instances where mediation and arbitration

will be bypassed directly for a court-enforced order. One example is if a building has a weight limit for dogs and the dog exceeds that limit.

"There is no dispute over the rule," Thompson says. "The owner is just simply breaching the rule."



Protect yourself against becoming a victim of mortgage fraud. FUSE/THINKSTOCK

Become an informed consumer

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has consistently been a leader in the fight against mortgage fraud and offers the following tips to protect yourself against becoming a victim of mortgage fraud.

Be an informed consumer. Be wary of anyone who approaches you with an offer to make "easy money" in real estate. Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Protect yourself and your family from becoming victims of or accomplices to mortgage fraud. This means:

- Never deliberately misrepresent information when applying for a mortgage.
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Reporting fraud

- If you suspect that you or someone you know has been the victim of mortgage fraud, please contact your local police department or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca, toll-free at 1-888-495-8501, or email

info@antifraudcentre.ca.

- For more, visit the fraud prevention section of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals (CAAMP) website at mortgageconsumer.org/protect-yourself-from-real-estate-fraud.

the property. If you allow your personal information to be used for a mortgage you could be held responsible for the entire debt if the mortgage defaults.

- Always know who you are doing business with and never sign anything without understanding exactly what you are signing.

- Use licensed or accredited mortgage and real estate professionals.
- Get independent legal advice from your own lawyer/notary and talk to them about title insurance and other methods of protection.
- Contact the local provincial land titles office to obtain the sales history of any property

you are thinking about buying and consider having it inspected and appraised. An accredited appraiser will provide the property sales and MLS history.

- Find out from your lawyer if anyone other than the seller has a financial interest in the home or if there are any outstanding liens or tax arrears.
- If a deposit is required, make sure the funds are payable to and held "in trust" by the vendor's realty company or by a lawyer/notary.

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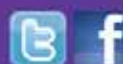
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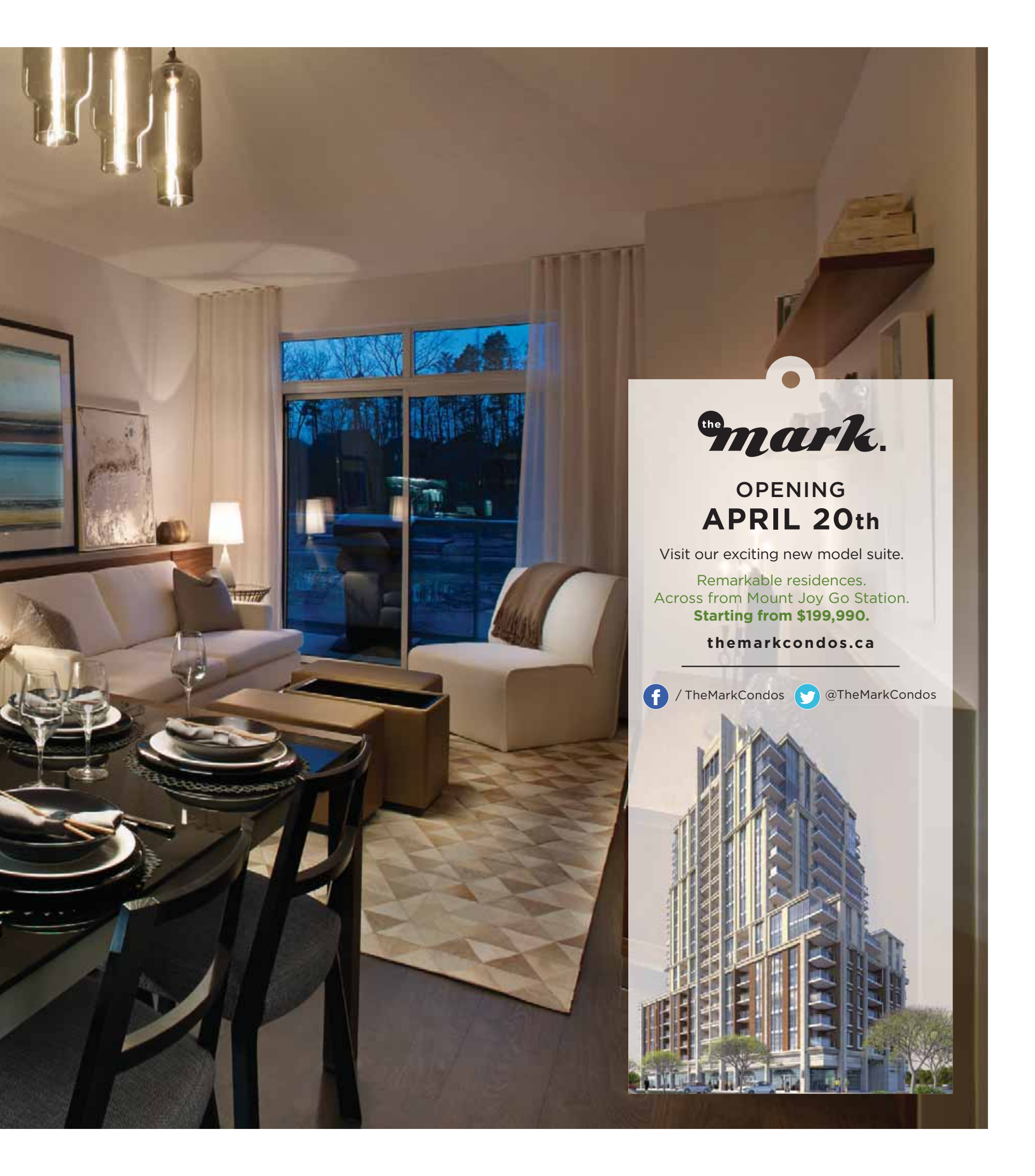
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Due diligence is a must

Finances. Leave room in your budget for an increase in condo fees

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

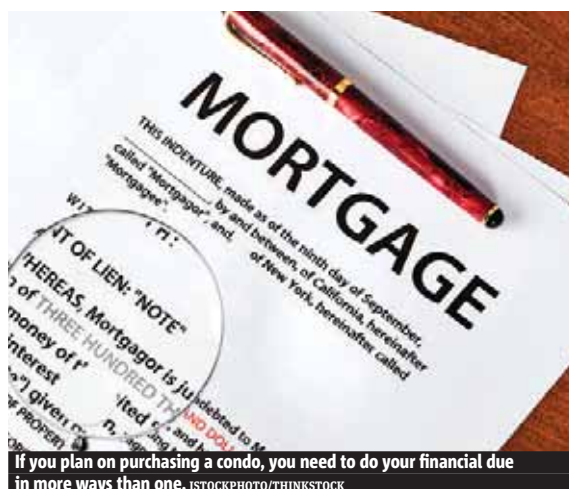
When people start looking to purchase real estate, they often get pre-approved mortgages to know how much money they can borrow.

Shawna Snair, a mortgage specialist with The Mortgage Centre in Halifax, has some advice for people looking to get a mortgage for a condo.

"You have to be really careful that you specify it is a condo you are looking at," she says.

The reason is that while condo ownership and home ownership share many of the same ongoing costs, there is one key difference — condo fees.

Because of this additional monthly expense, it changes a person's financial position



If you plan on purchasing a condo, you need to do your financial due in more ways than one. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

and can impact whether they qualify for the amount of financing for which they were originally pre-approved.

As part of the pre-approval process, Snair also insists people ask whether it includes a credit check since not all lenders perform a credit check on a pre-approval.

Otherwise, if something

negative comes up during the credit check, the application could end up being denied.

It is also important that when people determine what their budget is, they should leave some wiggle room in case the condo fees increase. Generally, condo fees increase (and rarely do they get decreased).

The condo fees an owner pays go towards covering their share of common property elements, as well as a building's reserve fund. The reserve fund covers the major repairs and replacements that will be needed over a building's life.

Assessing the health of the reserve fund is especially important since it will offer an indication whether significant increases in condo fees lie ahead.

Lawyer Rick Carlson practises real estate law in Saskatoon and a client recently had him look into the health of a building's reserve fund prior to making a purchase.

"You could see ... they were underfunded quite a bit so they were going to have to be making significant catch-up payments over the next several years to reach their goals," says the partner with Cuelenaere Kendall Katzman & Watson.

The bottom line is people purchasing a condo need to do their financial due diligence in more ways than one.

Borrowing ideas for luxurious living

With features such as grand lobbies, state-of-the-art gyms and 24-hour concierge services, condominiums are taking cues from hotels in terms of style and services.

That's to be expected when condo buyers purchase residences connected to five-star hotels such as Toronto's Ritz-Carlton, the Four Seasons or the Trump International and have access to the hotel amenities, including lavish spa facilities.

But hotel-like services are making their way into regular condo projects.

"People are choosing condo living on the basis of not just location, but convenience," says Barbara Lawlor, president of Baker Real Estate in Toronto. "If you're a busy professional, convenience is hugely important."

"One of the most appealing aspects of condominium living is the idea of a maintenance-free lifestyle," notes Mimi Ng, vice-president of residential sales for Menkes. "Layering on hotel-style services makes a lot of sense, since it represents an extension of that worry-free lifestyle."

Conveniences can include leaving parking of your car to a valet, dropping off your dry cleaning at the front desk, or having the concierge arrange to have your dog walked.

Lawlor says the condo concierge's job description has expanded beyond simply providing security and accepting package deliveries, to include making dinner reservations, booking massage therapists, or ar-

-ranging for catered meals to be delivered. There is a cost associated with these services, but Ng says Menkes has found that, especially in the luxury market, buyers are willing to pay more if they like the service package and believe that it represents good value.

Two former high-end hotels are being converted to condos — the old Four Seasons Hotel into the New Residences of Yorkville Residences, and the Sutton Place Hotel into The Britt condominiums. The Britt's design team travelled to the grand hotels of London, England, for inspiration.

"We have always loved the warmth and feeling of British hotels," says Barry Fenton, president and CEO of Lanterra Developments. "There is such elegance to them. When you are putting up a project of The Britt's size, you are not just selling somebody an 800-foot unit, but the amenities and the surroundings."

The Britt's lobby, with a grand staircase, glass chandelier and Harlequin-patterned floor, resembles an upscale hotel lobby, while a 24-hour concierge will arrange restaurant reservations, theatre or concert tickets, and services such as housekeeping or dog walking.

Not just condo buyers are reaping the benefits of having hotel services, their guests are, too, since condo guest suites become more hotel-like in style with luxurious linens and perks such as comfortable robes and upscale bathroom products. **TRACY HANES**



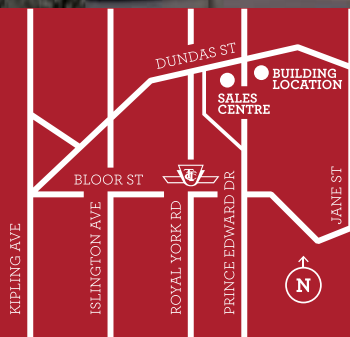
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Compact condos can appear roomy with space-saving furniture and clever storage solutions. PHOTOS.COM/THINKSTOCK



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Decorating for smaller spaces

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One of the challenges of moving to a condo is adapting to living in a relatively small space. But even compact condos can appear roomy with space-saving furniture, clever storage solutions and decorating tricks.

Interior decorator Mary Bannet of Just the Thing Interiors (justthethinginteriors.com) says the first order of business is to edit belongings. Some clients may want to wait until they move to see what possessions work in the new space and which ones have to go, she says.

She says buyers shouldn't feel compelled to follow a condo floor plan.

"Just because the plan says a space is a dining room doesn't mean you have to use it as a dining room."

Multi-functional furniture is ideal for condos, she says.

"Multi-functional pieces make good use of space and you might want to look at a console table that may also be used as a desk, laptop trays that fit over a sofa arm or coffee tables that can be converted into dining tables," she suggests.

Bannet says Resource Furniture (resourcefurniture.com) is a good source for ideas and specializes in space-saving pieces.

A bed that folds into a wall is an excellent way to accommodate overnight guests without taking up valuable space on a daily basis, Bannet says.

Built-ins that provide storage are must-haves. "You need to think about making use of vertical space and use of the height of the walls rather than floor space. You could put built-in storage around a wall-mounted TV and store

bedding above it and board games below it."

In kitchens, bulkheads may have nothing but empty space behind them and may be converted to storage. Or a kitchen wall may be turned into an island or peninsula with a breakfast bar.

To make spaces feel larger, keep to a monochromatic colour scheme, says Bannet. Many people believe that they have to stick to light paint colours to make a space appear larger, but that's not the case.

"You want to minimize contrast," she says. "Contrast makes a space look full. If you like dark colours and drama, there's nothing wrong with having those in a small space. If you keep everything in the room in dark tones, it will feel larger. If you have light coloured pieces, keep to light coloured walls."

Bannet says mirrors are great space enhancers as accent pieces or mounted on entire walls. Glass, mirrored and lacquered furniture pieces also boost the feeling of space.

"If your walls are in good enough shape, you might want to use high gloss paint as it gives a rich, luxurious and airy feel," Bannet says.

People often put a small, light-coloured rug under a coffee table or other piece of furniture, which makes the room look smaller. Bannet says it's better to have a larger rug that goes almost to the wall and anchors the seating area, making it seem larger and defining it as a separate room.

Window treatments "shouldn't jump out at you" and roller shades or shades that go into casings are great to capitalize on views.

Sheers are also a good solution and should blend with the wall colour.

A man with short grey hair, wearing a blue sweater, is kissing a woman with long, curly brown hair on the cheek. The woman is wearing a red top and is smiling. They are sitting on a couch in front of a window with dark curtains. A potted plant is visible on the left.

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Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer reacts after surrendering a goal to New York Ranger Carl Hagelin, third from right, who is pictured skating back to the bench with teammates on Wednesday in New York City. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

Maple Leafs fall to Rangers in shootout

NHL. Buds pick up valuable point in Eastern Conference playoff picture

Mats Zuccarello scored the only goal in a shootout as the New York Rangers split a home-and-home series against the Toronto Maple Leafs with a 3-2 victory on Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

Carl Hagelin and Ryan McDonagh had a goal and an assist each in regulation

On Wednesday

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for New York (20-6-2), which earned two badly needed points and moved into a three-way tie for sixth in the East alongside the Ottawa Senators and crosstown rivals the New York Islanders.

Phil Kessel scored twice for the second straight game for Toronto (22-13-5), which remained firmly in the fifth seed in the East, five points clear of sixth with eight games remaining.

Despite the loss, the Leafs stayed on pace to make the post-season for the first time since the spring of 2004, which would end a seven-season playoff drought that is the longest in franchise history.

Henrik Lundqvist made 23 saves after allowing four goals Monday in an uncharacteristically mediocre performance.

The all-star hadn't given up more than three goals since Feb. 26 against Winnipeg.

James Reimer finished with 26 saves in his sixth straight start.

With the score 2-2, Ryan Callahan almost had the go-ahead goal with just over four minutes left to play, but Reimer shut the door on his wraparound attempt and the crowd roared with disbelief.

Nazem Kadri had a wide-open net in overtime, but Lundqvist got an arm out just in time to deflect the puck.

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NBA

Valanciunas's injury minor: Raptors

A huge sigh of relief had to wash over the Air Canada Centre late Wednesday morning.

Jonas Valanciunas, the Raptors' prized rookie centre, doesn't appear to have suffered significant damage after wrenching his neck in an inadvertent collision with teammate Rudy Gay late in Tuesday's win over the Chicago Bulls.

Team officials said Valanciunas suffered a "flexion extension" injury — something akin to whiplash — and test results were negative after he was treated and released overnight from Bush Presbyterian hospital in Chicago.

Valanciunas will be re-evaluated in Toronto on Thursday. The Raptors host the Bulls on Friday night.

The 20-year-old Valanciunas, the NBA's Eastern Conference rookie of the month for March, was injured with less than 10 seconds left in Tuesday's game when he lost his balance trying to grab a loose ball on the floor and banged his neck and head into Gay's shoulder.

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Mickelson feeling unfamiliar butterflies



Phil Mickelson with his daughters in Augusta, Ga. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Masters. Change in PGA tour schedule breaks former champ's tournament routine

One of the last golfers you'd expect to feel anxious heading into the Masters is three-time champion Phil Mickelson.

Yet, the creature of habit is slightly out of sorts after a

change to his usual routine at the year's first major, and it's left Lefty a bit apprehensive about his first tee shot Thursday when the Masters begins.

"I'm nervous because I haven't been in competition since the Sunday of the Houston Open," Mickelson said Tuesday. "It will be 10, 11 days, I guess, and that's what I'm nervous about."

Mickelson's pre-game prep for the Masters has been rock-

Been there, done that

Mickelson won green jackets in 2004, 2006 and 2010 and cherishes the layout like few others on tour.

solid in recent years: Play in Houston and leave in a good, competitive frame of mind coming into Augusta National. In this year's PGA Tour sched-

ule, though, the last Masters tune-up came in San Antonio at the Valero Texas Open on a layout Mickelson said was too narrow and too windy to help him at wide-open Augusta National, so he arrived here this past weekend to finish off his prep work.

Mickelson says by playing the week before, he's generally more ready to attack the early holes at Augusta National. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MMA

Hamilton fighter dies after bout

Felix Pablo Elochukwu, a 35-year-old Nigerian man living in Hamilton on a student visa, died at a Port Huron, Mich., hospital last Saturday night shortly after fighting in a mixed martial arts bout, police said.

Results of an autopsy are expected in a week or two.

Elochukwu's trainer Jeff Joslin and numerous others who were there were cited in various reports saying Elochukwu hadn't taken anything close to a pounding.

Joslin, who was at the fight, says it was a relatively tame contest. Most of the time, the two heavyweights were grappling and wrestling.

In the third round, the two exhausted fighters went to the mat where Elochukwu ended up on the bottom and was hit a number of times to the head. Unable to defend himself because of fatigue, the referee stepped in and stopped the bout.

The defeated fighter was not knocked out and was coherent after the fight. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Felix Pablo Elochukwu died Saturday night after several blows to the head in what his trainer described as a tame fight. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Curling. Howard focused in on Sochi

There is just one major title missing from Glenn Howard's resumé.

The Canadian curling legend has won just about every significant event over his storied career but he has yet to step onto the Olympic podium. The 2014 Winter Games might just be his last opportunity to do so.

Howard has already qualified for the Canadian Curling Trials this fall. If he emerges victorious at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg, he would represent Canada next February in

Sochi, Russia.

"It's on my bucket list to get to an Olympics," Howard said Wednesday.

The Midland, Ont., native started curling over 30 years ago and is still at the top of his game. He won the 2012 Tim Hortons Brier and earned his fourth world title later in the year.

Howard said his team will likely sit down in the next



Glenn Howard
THE CANADIAN PRESS

week to look back at the last few years to determine what they need to do so they can peak at the Dec. 1-8 Olympic trials.

"You want to have your best performance in December and then hopefully you win that and then have it in February," Howard said after a promotional appearance at Yonge-Dundas Square. "I don't see a lot of changes. We kind of like what we've done. Our last two years have been pretty successful."

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Golf

Woods has kinks to iron out ahead of Masters

Tiger Woods hit three shots off the 13th tee before he could get anywhere near the fairway. It was only a practice round for the Masters on Wednesday morning, but it was a reminder that even when Woods is on top of his game, Augusta National can deliver a few surprises. Woods is the favourite to win this year's tournament. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Tiger Woods tees off at Augusta National on Wednesday.
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Messi boosts Barca to win

Lionel Messi came off the bench to help Barcelona come from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday in Barcelona and reach the Champions League semifinals for the sixth year in a row. **DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES**

No longer idle in Motor City

MLB. Blue Jays rally past Tigers in sixth and seventh to improve record to 3-5

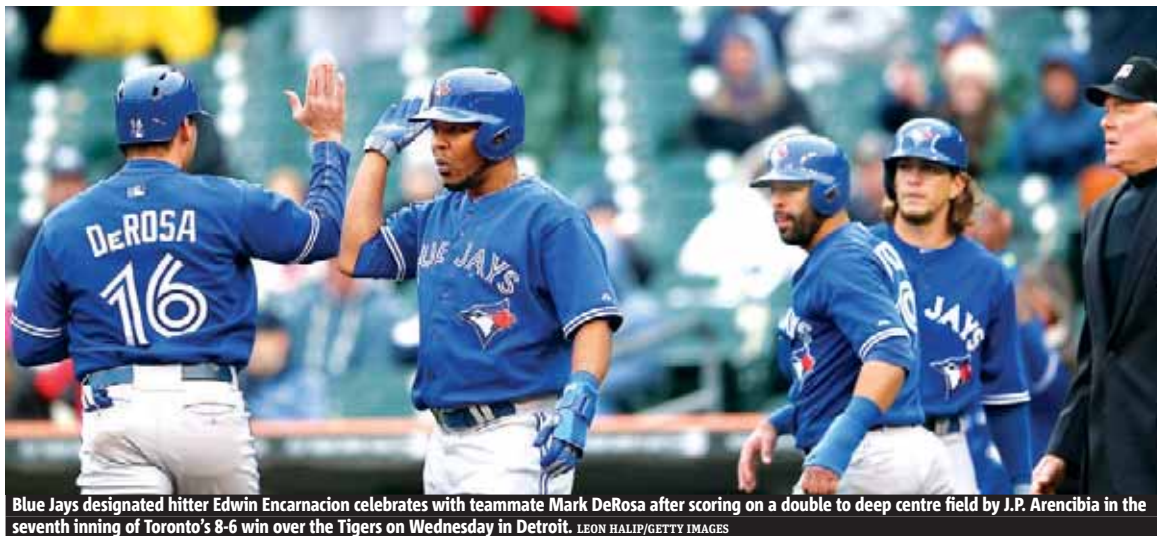
J.P. Arencibia and Mark DeRosa gave the struggling Toronto Blue Jays a chance to feel good.

Arencibia hit a three-run double in the seventh inning and the Blue Jays rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Detroit Tigers 8-6 on Wednesday.

Toronto had opened a season of high expectations with five losses in seven games.

"No reason to panic, but when you see it slipping away in the fifth or sixth inning, it was nice for the bats to come alive," said DeRosa, whose pinch-hit double in the sixth got the comeback started in earnest. "We obviously didn't get off to the start we wanted to, but we fought."

Detroit led 6-1 in the sixth, but starter Rick Porcello allowed hits to the first three batters that inning. They all eventually scored, and Toronto



Blue Jays designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion celebrates with teammate Mark DeRosa after scoring on a double to deep centre field by J.P. Arencibia in the seventh inning of Toronto's 8-6 win over the Tigers on Wednesday in Detroit. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

added four more runs the following inning.

Bryan Villarreal (0-1) came on with one on and one out in the seventh and proceeded to walk three straight hitters, forcing in a run. Arencibia followed with a drive to the gap in left-centre off Octavio Dotel

to make it 8-6.

"It was nice to finally get a few hits and walks and guys grinding out at-bats, and string it all in the same inning," Aren-cibia said. "To score, you need to be able to do that collectively in an inning."

Aaron Loup (1-0) pitched

a scoreless sixth for the Blue Jays. Casey Janssen, the last of five Toronto relievers, pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Jays starter Mark Buehrle allowed six runs — five earned — in 4 1/3 innings.

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By the numbers

0-19

Blue Jays designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion snapped an 0-for-19 skid by doubling in the fourth and sixth innings.

Reason to believe

The Jays' start has been uneven, to say the least, but there are plenty of teams that have converted bad starts into post-season finishes.

- **2008 Tampa Bay Rays.** Opened April with a 7-10 record but rebounded with a 15-12 month. Went on to win their division and the American League pennant. 
 - **2006 Minnesota Twins.** 1-5 to start, 9-15 in April, and 25-33 on June 7 before winning 44 of their next 52 to glide into the post-season. 
 - **2002 Anaheim Angels.** Won the World Series after a 2-5 start in April. They were 9-11 in April before things turned around. 
 - **2001 Oakland Athletics.** Went 8-17 to start, then 96-43 the rest of the way. 
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Louisville fetes its basketball teams for strong season

NCAA. Celebration continues for national champion men and runner-up women

They haven't stopped partying in Louisville.

The latest celebration Wednesday was a bit more structured as the NCAA champion Cardinals' men's team and runner-up women's squad received heroes' welcomes at the KFC Yum! Center. A near-capacity crowd awash in red thanked players and coaches for providing one of the most satisfying weeks ever, with both playing for titles and the men delivering Louisville's first championship in 27 years.

Both Cardinals programs responded with short expres-



Rick Pitino, head coach of the men's basketball team at Louisville speaks during a celebration in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

sions of gratitude, allowing men's coach Rick Pitino to have the final word.

Hoarse from a whirlwind

Final Four including his election to the Hall of Fame followed by his second title, Pitino drew a huge cheer by asking, "Wouldn't it be great if we somehow got back to Dallas?" for next year's championship.

That remains to be seen for Louisville's men, who were still digesting Monday night's 82-76 victory over Michigan in Atlanta.

One of the biggest ovations was reserved for Cardinals guard Kevin Ware, whose horrific right leg break in the Midwest Region final victory over Duke made him an overnight sensation and the sentimental hero of Louisville's title run. He ambled up the steps without crutches before grabbing them to walk to his chair, his words drowned out by a crescendo of cheers.

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Heat clinch 1st minus Big 3

Heat forwards Chris Andersen, left, and Rashard Lewis swarm Wizards guard John Wall's layup attempt on Wednesday in Washington. Ray Allen scored 23 points, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade chilled at the end of the bench and Chris Bosh was at home with flu-like symptoms, but Miami's B-squad gave the resting A-team the gift of home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, clinching the best record in the NBA with a 103-98 victory over the Wizards. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Board of governors OKs expansion of video replay

The CFL's board of governors has approved a rule change allowing coaches to request video review of a missed field goal or convert to possibly overturn an on-field ruling.

"Video review has become a dependable asset to ensure we get the right call on the field," Tom Higgins, the CFL's director of officiating, said in a statement. "And with the technology and number of cameras used in today's telecasts of our games, expanding video review to cover these potential scoring plays is a natural evolution."

The CFL board is also giving coaches more flexibility in how they use timeouts.

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

You need to clear your mind of trivial thoughts and focus only on what really matters, with your career very much to the fore. The rest of the world can waste time on non-essentials.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

According to the planets, someone is abusing your good nature and you must get tough to make sure they stop. Just because you're a nice guy does not mean you're not allowed to get nasty once in a while.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is something you need to take care of that cannot be delegated to other people. You may not enjoy it that much but you know it must be done. Get it over with now and the good times will soon begin.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Yes, someone has betrayed your trust, but is it really such a big deal? Why not just forget about it and move on? If nothing else, others will realize you are not thin-skinned.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A little bit of effort will go a long way today but don't push too hard. Pace yourself according to your natural limits. Small victories will soon add up to major triumphs.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you give up one thing today, you will gain something much more valuable in the long-term. But do you have the willpower to make the change? If you don't make it now, it may never be made.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try not to take what you hear today the wrong way. What you think is bad news may be nothing of the sort. You could just be creating an interpretation that doesn't exist.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Other people seem unable to grasp even the most simple of instructions today, which is so frustrating. There is no point losing your temper as that will only make matters worse.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Before you agree to new responsibilities, you should ask yourself how they might affect other areas of your life. Cash flow situation isn't everything. Time has value too.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how tempting a social invitation may be, you must turn it down and do something less demanding. There are times when you like to be alone with your thoughts and this is one of them.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something you hear while listening in on someone else's conversation will intrigue you and make you want to know more, but you've got to be smart about it. You don't want them to know you're a snooper.

Pisces

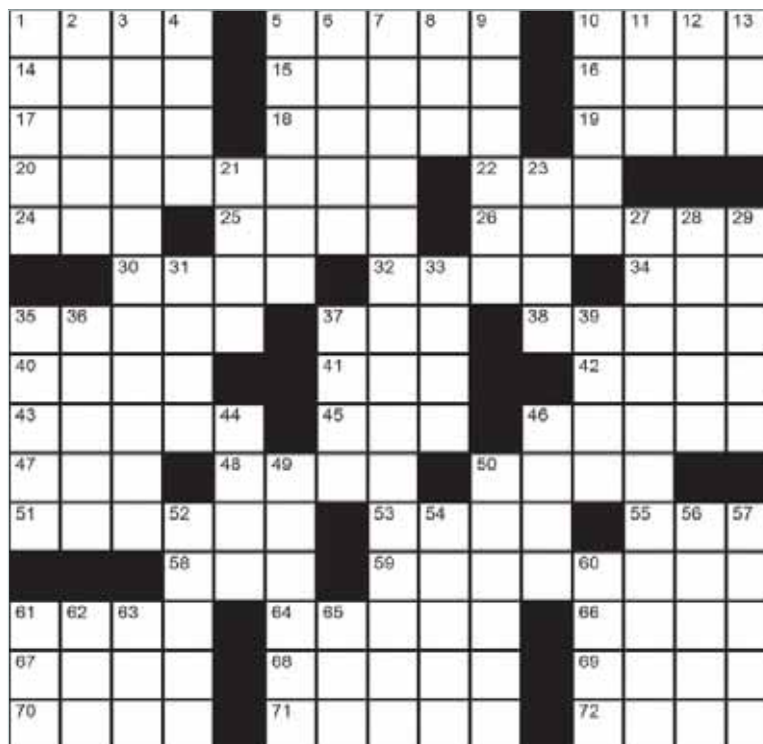
Feb. 20 - March 20

Some people have no shame and you will find yourself having to deal with one such individual today. Don't waste time trying to befriend them. Morally you are on different planets. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Cod-like fish
5. Ancient insect trapping/preserving stuff
10. Halifax-born singer, Holly __
14. Belgian imaging corporation
15. Glass: French
16. Singer Mr. Redding
17. Pea: French
18. "Should __ the doorbell?"
19. __ and potatoes
20. Type of painting
22. 'Smarter Planet' slogan
24. Metres' li'l opposites
25. __-inflammatory
26. BC river
30. Not that
32. The Ramayana heroine
34. 'Gran' add-on (Hiker's treat)
35. Hairy, like a lion
37. Very smart letters
38. Witch assembly
40. Culture medium
41. Wood sorrel
42. Hollywood great Gregory
43. Quick movie appearance
45. Hi's opposites
46. Breath mints brand
47. 'Oct' add-on (Music interval)
48. Think over
50. Month
51. Canadian bakery



- since 1882
53. Unwritten
55. Post-op locale
58. "Impressive!"
59. Canadian actress Kate
61. __-Levesque (Boulevard in Montreal)

64. Chiliwack song: " __ "
66. Juniors = Jnrs/Seniors = ?
67. Idea: French
68. Take __ breath
69. "Let __" by The Beatles: 2 wds.
70. Atmosphere

71. Actress, Parker __
72. Way [abbr.]

Down

1. Labrador community, __ Valley-Goose Bay
2. "Have __ time!" (Enjoy!)

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

8. 'West' suffix
9. Get-then-give the present
10. This thing: ,
11. 'Capri' suffix
12. __ Fail (Irish coronation stone)
13. The bar on "Cheers", __, 1895
21. Bug killer brand
23. Bric-a-__
27. Parti Quebecois concern
28. Pick a politician
29. Colonel and Lieutenant
31. Not there
33. Varieties of apples
35. Parrot
36. Tequila plant source
37. Opinion __
39. Unlock
44. 1847 Herman Melville story
46. Select/reject
49. Open a package
50. Clunker car
52. Shannon __ (Canadian wife of rocker Gene Simmons)
54. Ms. Zellweger
56. Breads and pasta, e.g.
57. Not yet established
60. Egyptian Myth: Daughter of Geb
61. Coffee mug part
62. Tokyo, formerly
63. Prefix to 'lithic'
65. Ruckus

Yesterday's Crossword

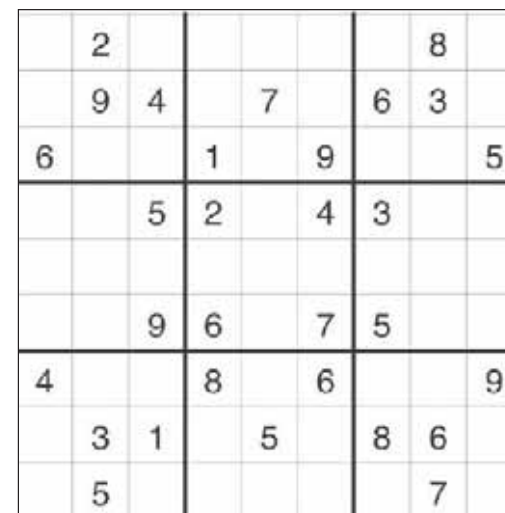


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0%[†]
FINANCING FOR
84 MONTHSAND
\$0
DOWN
PAYMENT**FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- 6 AIRBAGS
- iPod®/USB/AUXILIARY INPUT JACKS
- POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
- ABS WITH TRACTION CONTROL SYSTEM
- DUAL HEATED POWER EXTERIOR MIRRORS



Tech. model shown

AUTOMOBILE & BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**2012 BEST NEW DESIGN
2012 BEST NEW SPORTS/
PERFORMANCE CAR
(UNDER 50K)****2013 VELOSTER**SELLING PRICE: \$21,330*
VELOSTER 6-SPEED MANUAL.
DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.5L/100 KM ▼OWN IT
\$126
BI-WEEKLY
PAYMENTWITH
1.99%[†]
FINANCING FOR
84 MONTHSAND
\$0
DOWN
PAYMENT**FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- AIR CONDITIONING
- 7" LCD SCREEN WITH REARVIEW CAMERA
- BLUETOOTH® HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM
- 17" ALLOY WHEELS
- iPod®/USB/AUXILIARY INPUT JACKS



Limited model shown

AUTOMOBILE & BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**2013 CANADIAN
UTILITY VEHICLE
OF THE YEAR****2013 SANTA FE**SELLING PRICE: \$28,395*
SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO.
DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.HWY: 6.7L/100 KM
CITY: 10.1L/100 KM ▼OWN IT
\$168
BI-WEEKLY
PAYMENTWITH
1.99%[†]
FINANCING FOR
84 MONTHSAND
\$0
DOWN
PAYMENT**FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- SIRIUS XM RADIO WITH BLUETOOTH®
- HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM
- HEATED FRONT SEATS
- FOG LIGHTS
- ACTIVE ECO SYSTEM

**5 YEAR
WARRANTY**5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty**
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty**HYUNDAI**

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Cash price is \$16,980. Cost of Borrowing is \$0. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of \$1,495, fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Example price excludes registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ▼Fuel consumption for 2013 Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/Elantra Sedan L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.2L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/Veloster 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.5L/100KM) / Santa Fe 2.4L FWD Auto (HWY 6.7L/100KM, City 10.1L/100KM) are based on Energuide. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. *Price of models shown 2013 Accent 4 Door GLS Auto/ Elantra Limited/Veloster Tech 6-Speed Manual/Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD is \$20,230/\$24,930/\$24,830/\$40,395. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of \$1,495/\$1,495/\$1,495/\$1,760, fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Prices exclude registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. ‡Price adjustments are calculated against the vehicle's starting price. Price adjustments of up to \$500 available on 2013 Elantra Sedan. Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. *Purchase, finance or lease an in-stock 2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster/Genesis Coupe/Sonata/Sonata HEV/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL/Tucson/2012 Sonata HEV during the Double Savings Event and you will receive one \$0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card (including applicable taxes). The \$0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Card is issued by Esso and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card agreement. Customers in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island (collectively, "Atlantic Provinces") and Quebec will receive a maximum benefit of \$0.55 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above \$1.54 during the card activation period. Customers in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba will receive a maximum benefit of \$0.50 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above \$1.49 during the card activation period. Customers in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario will receive a minimum discount of \$0.30 per litre in the event that gas prices decrease below \$1.29 per litre in these provinces. All Fuel Cards expire on December 31st, 2013. Fuel cards are valid only at participating Esso retail locations (excluding the province of British Columbia) and are not redeemable for cash. Fuel Cards cannot be used in the province of British Columbia. Fuel Cards can only be used on Regular, Extra and Premium motor vehicle grade fuel purchases only. Price with Fuel Card of \$0.99 per litre applies to Regular grade fuel only. Price with Fuel Card on Extra and Premium grade fuels are \$1.12 and \$1.18 per litre, respectively. Price Privileges Card must be used in combination with another form of payment accepted at Esso stations in Canada (excluding British Columbia) and is redeemable in-store only. Only one Price Privileges Card can be used per transaction. Based on Energuide combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Accent Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Coupe Auto (6.6L/100km)/Elantra GT Auto (6.6L/100km)/Veloster 1.6L Auto (6.3L/100km)/Genesis Coupe 2.0L Auto (8.6L/100km)/Sonata 2.4L Auto (7.3L/100km)/Sonata HEV Auto (5.2L/100km)/Tucson 2.0L Auto (8.2L/100km)/Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD Auto (8.6L/100km)/2012 Sonata HEV Auto (5.3L/100km) and the combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Santa Fe XL 3.3L FWD (9.9L/100km) as determined by the Manufacturer as shown on www.hyundaicanada.com at 15,400km/year which is the yearly average driving distance as referenced by Transport Canada's Provincial Light Vehicle Fleet Statistics, 2011, minus one full tank of fuel provided at the time of delivery of 2013 Accent (43L), Elantra (48L), Elantra Coupe (50L), Elantra GT (50L), Veloster (50L), Genesis Coupe (65L), Sonata (70L), Sonata HEV (65L), Tucson (58L), Santa Fe Sport (66L), Santa Fe XL (71L), 2012 Sonata HEV (65L), this is equivalent to \$0.99 per litre gas up to a total of 725 Litres (2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster), 800 Litres (2013 Sonata/2013 Sonata HEV/2012 Sonata HEV) and 1,000 Litres (2013 Genesis Coupe/Tucson/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL). Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. †††Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.